

information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority

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Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Notice of Termination of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, Chalmette Battlefield, and National Cemetery General Management Plan Amendment

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Termination of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park, and Preserve, Chalmette Battlefield, and National Cemetery General Management Plan Amendment.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) is terminating the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, Chalmette Battlefield, and National Cemetery General Management Plan Amendment (GMPA). A Notice of Intent to prepare this EIS was published in the *Federal Register* on May 2, 2003. After public scoping and a preliminary analysis of impacts related to the GMPA alternatives, the NPS determined that the impacts of the alternatives considered would be at or below the minor/negligible level. Consequently, the EIS is not necessary and NPS decided to terminate the EIS. The NPS intends to continue the GMPA process by completing an Environmental Assessment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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The authority for publishing this notice is 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C).

The responsible official for this EIS is David Vela, Regional Director, Southeast Region, National Park Service, 100 Alabama Street, SW., 1924 Building, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

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Art Frederick,
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Staff Assessment and Land Use Plan Amendment for the SES Solar One Project, San Bernardino County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), together with the California Energy Commission, (hereinafter jointly referred to as the Agencies) intend to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Staff Assessment (EIS/SA), and a Proposed Land Use Plan Amendment for the Stirling Energy Systems (SES) Solar One Project (Project), a Stirling engine systems solar dish project in San Bernardino County, California. SES is seeking approval to construct and operate an electrical generating facility with a nominal capacity of 850 megawatts (MW), using concentrated solar thermal power. Approximately 8,230 acres of BLM administered public land are needed to develop the Project. SES has submitted an application to the BLM requesting a right-of-way (ROW) to construct the Project and related facilities. Pursuant to BLM's California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan (1980, as amended), sites associated with power generation or transmission not identified in the CDCA Plan will be considered through the plan amendment process.

Under Federal law, BLM is responsible for processing requests for rights-of-way to authorize solar projects and associated transmission lines and other appurtenant facilities on the land it manages. BLM must comply with the requirements of NEPA to ensure that environmental impacts associated with construction, operation, and decommissioning will be identified, analyzed and considered in the application process. This will be accomplished through preparation of

Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) in coordination with the Energy Commission.

Under California law, the Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing the Application for Certification (AFC) filed for thermal power plants over 50 MW, and also has the role of lead agency for the environmental review of such projects under the CEQA (Pub. Res. Code, sections 21000 *et seq.*, 25500 *et seq.*) The Energy Commission conducts this review in accordance with the administrative adjudication provisions of California's Administrative Procedure Act (Government Code section 11400 *et seq.*) and its own regulations governing site certification proceedings (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, section 1701 *et seq.*), which have been deemed CEQA equivalent by the Secretary of Resources. SES Solar One, LLC, has submitted an AFC to the Energy Commission. The AFC facilitates analysis and review by staff prior to an Energy Commission decision on the proposed project.

DATES: Publication of this notice initiates a public scoping period of at least 30 days. During the formal public scoping period, the Agencies will solicit public comments on issues, concerns, potential impacts, alternatives, and mitigation measures that should be considered in the analysis of the proposed action. In addition, the Agencies expect to hold one BLM public scoping meeting/Energy Commission information hearing during the formal scoping period to encourage public input. The public scoping meeting will be held in Barstow, California on June 22, 2009 with further details to be announced through the local news media, newspapers, mailings, the BLM Web page [<http://www.ca.blm.gov/barstow>] and the Energy Commission Web page [<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solarone/>] at least 15 days prior to the event. While you may have the opportunity to make oral comments at the June 22nd BLM public scoping meeting, written comments are strongly encouraged to be submitted. In order to be included in the Draft EIS/Preliminary Staff Assessment (DEIS/PSA), all comments must be received prior to the close of the formal scoping period which will be July 7, 2009. Additional opportunities for public participation and formal comment occur when the DEIS/PSA is issued. BLM will also utilize and coordinate the NEPA commenting process to satisfy the public involvement process for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (16 U.S.C.