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J. Paul Loether,

*Chief, National Register of Historic Places/
National Historic Landmarks Program.*

ALABAMA

Elmore County

Tallasse Falls Manufacturing Company,
1844 Old Mill Rd, Tallassee, 10000198

Jefferson County

Tarrant City Downtown Historic District,
Parts of E. Lake Blvd., Ford Ave., Jackson
Blvd., Pinson St., Wharton Ave., Tarrant,
10000199

Madison County

Lincoln Mill and Mill Village Historic
District, Bounded by Meridian St.,
Oakwood Ave., Front St., Mountain View
Dr., Davidson St., Cottage St., and King
Ave., Huntsville, 10000200

ARIZONA

Pima County

Menlo Park Historic District, 13 Subdivisions
irregularly bounded around Grande Ave.
and W. Congress St. intersection, Tucson,
10000201

FLORIDA

Palm Beach County

Palm Beach Hotel, 235-251 Sunrise Ave.,
Palm Beach, 10000212

IOWA

Marion County

Peoples Nationals Bank, 717 Main St., Pella,
10000202

MISSOURI

Grundy County

Trenton High School, 1312 E. 9th St.,
Trenton, 10000203

Jackson County

Sherwood Manufacturing Company Building,
(Lee's Summit, Missouri MPS) 123 SE 3rd
St., Lees' Summit, 10000204

Saline County

Sweet Springs Historic District Boundary
Decrease, (Sweet Springs MPS) 200-217 W.
Lexington Ave., and 211 Marshall St.,
Sweet Springs, 10000206

St. Louis Independent City

Sligo Iron Store Co. Buildings, 1301 N. Sixth
St., St. Louis, 10000205

NORTH CAROLINA

Harnett County

Johnson Farm, 2095 Kipling Rd., (S side SR
1403, .2 mi E of SR 1425), Kipling,
10000207

Rowan County

J.C. Price High School, 1300-1400 W. Bank
St., Salisbury, 10000208

UTAH

Salt Lake County

Wells Historic District, Roughly bounded by
700 E., State St., 1300 S., and 2100 S., Salt
Lake City, 10000210

WISCONSIN

Sauk County

Man Mound Boundary Increase, Address
Restricted (Late Woodland Stage in
Archeological Region 8 MPS) Man Mound
Road, Town of Greenfield, 10000211

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

[Docket No. MMS-2009-MRM-0014]

**Termination of Royalty-in-Kind (RIK)
Eligible Refiner Program**

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Advance notice for the
termination of the RIK Eligible Refiner
Program.

SUMMARY: On behalf of the Secretary of
the Interior (Secretary), the Minerals
Management Service (MMS) has
conducted a determination of need for
the RIK Eligible Refiner Program under
30 CFR 208.4 and has concluded that a
need for the program no longer exists.

DATES: As a result of this determination,
MMS will discontinue the sales of
Federal royalty production to eligible
refiners under the Eligible Refiner
Program until further notice.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
regulations at 30 CFR 208.4(a) provide
that the Secretary may evaluate crude
oil market conditions from time to time.
The evaluation will include, among
other things, the availability of crude oil
and the crude oil requirements of the
Federal Government, primarily those
requirements concerning matters of

national interest and defense.

Furthermore, the regulations at 30 CFR
208.4(b) state that, upon a determination
by the Secretary under paragraph (a) of
this section that defined eligible refiners
do not have access to adequate supplies
of crude oil at equitable prices, the
Secretary, at his or her discretion, may
elect to take in kind some or all of the
royalty oil accruing to the United States
from oil and gas leases on Federal lands
onshore and the Outer Continental Shelf
for sale to eligible refiners.

On September 16, 2009, the Secretary
announced a phased-in termination of
the RIK Program. The termination of the
RIK Program precludes future sales of
Federal royalty oil to eligible refiners as
part of the Eligible Refiner Program. The
MMS will honor all existing RIK sales
contracts as defined in the contract
terms.

The MMS's determination is
supported by decreased participation in
the RIK Eligible Refiner Program as well
as eligible refiners demonstrating a
successful ability to compete in the
open market. In 1999, six eligible
refiners participated in the program,
compared to only two in 2009. Over the
past few years, eligible refiners have
been successfully competing in the RIK
Unrestricted Oil Sales Program as well
as in the open market. The RIK
unrestricted oil sales were open to any
bidder who met prequalification
requirements, and bidders included
many of the major oil companies
operating in the United States. On
average, 50 percent of the volumes that
MMS offered in the RIK Unrestricted Oil
Sales Program during the past year have
been awarded to eligible refiners. In the
most recent unrestricted oil sale, one
eligible refiner bid successfully on 80
percent of the volumes that MMS
offered for sale. The decreased
participation in the Eligible Refiner
Program, in conjunction with the
increased success of eligible refiners in
the RIK Unrestricted Oil Sales Program,
clearly demonstrates that an RIK
Eligible Refiner Program is not needed
at this time.

Dated: March 18, 2010.

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Management.*

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