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ACTION: Cancellation of Offshore Virginia Lease Sale 220.

SUMMARY: On May 27, 2010, the President announced the Secretary of the Interior’s decision to cancel offshore Virginia Lease Sale 220 that was scheduled for 2011. Cancellation of Sale 220 will allow time to develop and implement measures to improve the safety of oil and gas development in Federal waters, provide greater environmental protection, and substantially reduce the risk of catastrophic events. The Notice of Availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale for OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sale 215 in the WPA in the GOM was published in Federal Register Vol. 75, No 64, on Monday, April 5, 2010. The findings of the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling, (the National Commission was established by Executive Order 13543, dated May 21, 2010, as published in the Federal Register on May 26, 2010 (75 FR 29397)), environmental reviews, science-based analysis, and public input will inform the Secretary’s decisions about whether to move forward with other leases sales in the Gulf of Mexico that are currently scheduled for 2011 and 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Renee Orr, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement, Chief, Leasing Division, at (703) 787–1215 or renee.orr@mms.gov.


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Vendor Outreach Workshop for Small Businesses in the Midwest Region of the United States

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization of the Department of the Interior is hosting a Vendor Outreach Workshop for small businesses in the midwest region of the United States that are interested in doing business with the Department. This outreach workshop will review market contracting opportunities for the attendees. Business owners will be able to share their individual perspectives with Contracting Officers, Program Managers and Small Business Specialists from the Department.

Following the workshop, businesses will also participate in a matchmaking event that will allow businesses to talk with Department representatives during roundtable discussions.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management
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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Integrated Activity Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Alaska State Office, Anchorage, Alaska, intends to prepare an Integrated Activity Plan (IAP) with an associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A) planning area. This notice announces the beginning of the scoping period to solicit public input and comments.

DATES: The public scoping period will begin upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register. Formal scoping will end no sooner than 60 days from publication of this notice; a final end date will be announced through a press release and the BLM–Alaska Web site, http://www.blm.gov/ak. Comments on management decisions, resources to be addressed, and issues for analysis will help define the proposed actions and alternatives for the NPR-A IAP/EIS. You can submit comments in writing to the addresses listed below. The BLM will announce all public meetings, times, and locations through the local news media and on the agency Web site. The BLM will hold public scoping meetings in Anaktuvuk Pass, Anchorage, Atqasuk, Barrow, Fairbanks, Nuiqsut, and Wainwright. The BLM may hold additional public scoping meetings in other communities if there is strong community interest.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:
- Fax: 907–271–5479.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Ducker, 907–271–3130; e-mail: jduc@blm.gov; or by mail: Bureau of Land Management, 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513–7599. You may also request to be added to the mailing list. Documents pertinent to this plan may be examined at the following Web site: http://www.blm.gov/ak.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document provides notice that the BLM intends to prepare an IAP with an associated EIS for the NPR–A planning area. The NPR–A IAP/EIS will consider management of BLM-administered lands within the NPR–A. The lands in the NPR–A total approximately 22.1 million acres of surface and subsurface lands, and an additional 200,000 subsurface-only acres underlying Native Corporation-owned surface lands.

The Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act (42 U.S.C. 6501, et seq.), as amended, excludes the NPR–A from the application of Section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1701, et seq.), as amended, which is the basis for the BLM’s Resource Management Plans. The BLM conducts its planning within NPR–A through IAPs. The BLM complies with all applicable laws in the preparation of an IAP, including the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, and the National Historic Preservation Act. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine the management decisions and resources to be addressed and the issues for analysis. This information will influence the development of the proposed action and alternatives, and guide the environmental analysis.

You may submit written comments on management decisions and resources to be addressed and issues for analysis to the BLM at any of the public scoping meetings, or use any of the methods listed in the ADDRESSES section above. The result of this planning effort will supersede the current plans for the Northwest (2004) NPR–A, Northeast (2008) NPR–A, and Colville River Special Area (2008). Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. BLM personnel, through discussions within the BLM and with other agencies, individuals, and outside groups, have identified preliminary issues for analysis and the proposed scope of this plan. Most issues relate to management of oil and gas activities and the protection of resources and residents.

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