

evaporating ponds. A single overhead 230 kilovolt transmission line will connect the plant to the nearby Valley Electric substation. Additional elements of the project include access roads, a water pipeline, and a bioremediation area.

The Final EIS describes and analyzes the project's site-specific impacts on air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, visual resources, water resources, geological resources, paleontological resources, land use, noise, soils, nuisance, public health, socioeconomic, traffic and transportation, waste management, hazardous materials handling, worker safety, fire protection, facility design engineering, transmission system engineering, and transmission line safety.

Three alternatives were analyzed: (A) Wet-cooling technology; (B) Dry-cooling technology; and (C) No action alternative. Alternative A uses circulating water to condense low-pressure turbine generator exhaust steam in a shell and tube heat exchanger (condenser). Alternative B uses an air-cooled condenser that cools and condenses the low-pressure turbine generator exhaust steam using a large array of fans that force air over finned-tube heat exchangers arranged in an A-frame bundle configuration. Alternative B is the BLM's preferred alternative and Solar Millennium's proposed action. Alternative C is the no action alternative.

On March 19, 2010, the BLM published the Notice of Availability for the Draft EIS for this project in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 13301). The BLM held four public meetings and allowed the public to comment through email, mail, public meetings, and by phone. A total of 461 comments were received from individuals, organizations, and agencies.

These comments addressed concerns with water use mitigation, visual resource management, noise levels, and social/economic issues, particularly job opportunities. Concerns raised during the review are addressed and specific responses provided in the Final EIS.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1506.6 and 1506.10.

**Gayle Marrs-Smith,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement

#### Outer Continental Shelf, Alaska OCS Region, Chukchi Sea Planning Area, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 193

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and Notice of Public Hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this SEIS (OCS EIS/EA BOEMRE 2010-034) is to provide new analysis in accordance with the United States (U.S.) District Court for the District of Alaska Order remanding the BOEMRE's Chukchi Sea Lease Sale 193 Final EIS (FEIS) (OCS EIS/EA MMS 2007-0026). The District Court's Order instructs the BOEMRE to address three concerns: (1) Analyze the environmental impact of natural gas development; (2) determine whether missing information identified by BOEMRE in the 193 FEIS was essential or relevant under 40 CFR 1502.22; and (3) "determine whether the cost of obtaining the missing information was exorbitant, or the means of doing so unknown."

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FEIS for Chukchi Sea Lease Sale 193 (OCS EIS/EA MMS 2007-0026) evaluated the potential effects of the proposed sale and three alternatives: a no action alternative and two alternatives that incorporate deferral areas of varying size along the coastward edge of the proposed sale area.

Sale 193 was held in February of 2008. The BOEMRE received high bids totaling approximately \$2.7 billion and issued 487 leases. Although the lease-sale decision was challenged in the U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska, the litigants did not request a preliminary injunction to halt the sale. Accordingly, the sale was conducted and 487 leases were issued. In July 2010, the District Court remanded the matter for further National Environmental Policy Act analysis of certain concerns. The BOEMRE is to address three concerns: (1) Analyze the environmental impact of natural gas development; (2) determine whether missing information identified by BOEMRE in the FEIS for Chukchi Sea Lease Sale 193 was essential or relevant under 40 CFR 1502.22; and (3) determine whether the cost of obtaining the missing information was exorbitant, or the means of doing so unknown.

The SEIS will provide the Secretary with sufficient information and analysis to make an informed decision amongst the alternatives. In effect, the Secretary will decide whether to affirm, modify, or cancel Sale 193. This notice relates solely to the Supplemental Draft EIS for Chukchi Sale 193. It does not preclude possible additional environmental analysis with regard to future leasing or permitting actions.

**Draft Supplemental EIS Availability:** To obtain a copy of the Draft SEIS, you may contact the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, Alaska OCS Region, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5820, telephone 907-334-5200. You may also view the Draft SEIS at the above address, on the BOEMRE Web site at <http://alaska.boemre.gov>, or at the Alaska Resources Library and Information Service, 3211 Providence Drive, Suite 111, Anchorage.

**Written Comments:** Interested parties may submit their written comments on the Draft SEIS until November 29, 2010 to the Regional Director, Alaska OCS Region, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5820. You may also hand deliver comments to this address. Comments should be labeled "Attn: Chukchi Sea Draft SEIS." Comments may be submitted via e-mail at [BOEMREAKPublicCommen@boemre.gov](mailto:BOEMREAKPublicCommen@boemre.gov) (**Note:** please use e-mail address exactly as it appears. Do not add the letter "q" or anything else to the address.). Please include "Attn: Chukchi Sea Draft SEIS" in the subject line, and your name and return address in the message. BOEMRE will not accept anonymous comments.

Be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may request us to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Public Hearings:** Public hearings on the Draft SEIS will be held as follows:

Monday, November 1, 2011, Kotzebue Middle/High School, Kotzebue, Alaska;

Tuesday, November 2, 2010, Oalgi Community Center, Point Hope, Alaska;

Wednesday, November 3, 2010, Point Lay Community Center, Point Lay, Alaska;

Thursday, November 4, 2010, Robert James Community Center, Wainwright, Alaska;

Friday, November 5, 2010, Inupiat Heritage Center, Barrow, Alaska;

Tuesday, November 9, 2010, 3800  
Centerpoint Drive, Anchorage, Alaska.  
All meetings will start at 7 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management,  
Regulation and Enforcement, Alaska  
OCS Region, 3801 Centerpoint Drive,  
Suite 500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503–  
5820, 907–334–5200.

Dated: October 8, 2010.

**Robert P. LaBelle,**

*Acting Associate Director for Offshore Energy  
and Minerals Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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S3]

#### Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Morrison County, MN

**AGENCY:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,  
Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability: Final  
Comprehensive Conservation Plan and  
Finding of No Significant Impact for  
Environmental Assessment.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and  
Wildlife Service (Service), announce the  
availability of the Final Comprehensive  
Conservation Plan (CCP) and Finding of  
No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the  
Environmental Assessment (EA) for  
Crane Meadows National Wildlife  
Refuge (NWR). Goals and objectives in  
the CCP describe how the agency  
intends to manage the refuge over the  
next 15 years.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Final CCP and  
FONSI/EA may be viewed at the Crane  
Meadows National Wildlife Refuge  
Office or at public libraries near the  
refuge. You may also request a copy by  
any of the following methods.

1. *Agency Web site:* View or  
download a copy of the document at  
[http://www.fws.gov/midwest/planning/  
CraneMeadows/](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/planning/CraneMeadows/).

2. *E-mail:* [r3planning@fws.gov](mailto:r3planning@fws.gov).  
Include “Crane Meadows Final CCP/EA”  
in the subject line of the message.

3. *Mail:* Crane Meadows National  
Wildlife Refuge, 19502 Iris Road, Little  
Falls, Minnesota 56345.

A limited number of hardcopies will  
be available for distribution at the  
Refuge Headquarters.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Anne Sittauer (763–389–3323).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Introduction

With this notice, we complete the  
CCP process for Crane Meadows NWR,  
which we began by publishing a notice  
of intent on (73 FR 76677–76678,  
December 17, 2008). For more  
information about the initial process,  
see that notice. We released the draft  
CCP and EA to the public, announcing  
and requesting comments in a notice of  
availability on (75 FR 39037–39038, July  
7, 2010).

Crane Meadows NWR, located in  
central Minnesota, was established in  
1992 to protect one of the largest, most  
intact wetland complexes remaining in  
the State. The Refuge owns  
approximately 1,800 acres of 13,540  
acres identified for acquisition, and an  
additional 900 acres are owned and  
managed by the Minnesota Department  
of Natural Resources. In addition to  
hosting relatively rare habitat types  
including oak savanna, sand prairie, and  
sedge meadow, it also provides key  
habitat for local and migratory wildlife,  
maintains essential ecological services,  
provides an element of water control  
and flood relief, protects important  
archaeological resources, and offers  
unique recreation, education, and  
research opportunities.

The Draft CCP and EA were officially  
released for public review on July 7,  
2010; the 31-day comment period ended  
on August 6, 2010. Planning  
information was sent to approximately  
265 individuals and organizations for  
review and announced through local  
media outlets, resulting in three  
comment submissions. During the  
comment period the Refuge also hosted  
an open house to receive public  
comments and feedback on the CCP and  
EA documents. Three individuals  
attended this event—all current or  
former state Department of Natural  
Resources employees. Because no  
changes to the preferred alternative  
were recommended by Refuge  
audiences during the public review  
period, only minor changes were made  
to the drafts in preparing the final CCP/  
EA documents.

### Selected Alternative

Based on input and feedback during  
the planning process, alternative B was  
selected as the preferred alternative.  
This alternative portrays a long-term  
vision for habitat restoration to near-  
historic benchmark conditions and  
increases recreation opportunities for  
visitors over the 15-year planning  
horizon. A diversity of wetland and  
savanna habitats are favored reinforcing  
historic conditions, while prairie and  
woodland are reduced over the long-

term. This alternative includes active  
participation in monitoring and  
improving upstream water resources,  
calls for adherence to a well-developed  
prescribed fire plan, increases land  
acquisition and work on private lands in  
high priority areas, augments the  
existing biological inventory and  
monitoring program, and offers visitor  
services in a greater number of  
locations. Specific, managed hunts are  
offered, and opportunities for quality  
fishing experiences will be evaluated as  
new lands are acquired.

### Background

The National Wildlife Refuge System  
Administration Act of 1966, as amended  
by the National Wildlife Refuge System  
Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C.  
668dd–668ee *et seq.*), requires the  
Service to develop a CCP for each  
National Wildlife Refuge. The purpose  
in developing a CCP is to provide refuge  
managers with a 15-year strategy for  
achieving refuge purposes and  
contributing toward the mission of the  
National Wildlife Refuge System,  
consistent with sound principles of fish  
and wildlife management, conservation,  
legal mandates, and Service policies. In  
addition to outlining broad management  
direction for conserving wildlife and  
their habitats, the CCP identifies  
wildlife-dependent recreational  
opportunities available to the public,  
including opportunities for hunting,  
fishing, wildlife observation and  
photography, and environmental  
education and interpretation.

We will review and update the CCP  
at least every 15 years in accordance  
with the National Wildlife Refuge  
System Administration Act of 1966, as  
amended by the National Wildlife  
Refuge System Improvement Act of  
1997, and the National Environmental  
Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–  
4370d).

Dated: August 17, 2010.

**Charles M. Wooley,**

*Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and  
Wildlife Service, Ft. Snelling, Minnesota.*

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## JOINT BOARD FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF ACTUARIES

### Renewal of Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations

**AGENCY:** Joint Board for the Enrollment  
of Actuaries.

**ACTION:** Renewal of Advisory  
Committee.