

- AREVA Solar's Compact Linear Fresnel Reflector—AREVA Solar's core technology, Compact Linear Fresnel Reflector, uses modular flat reflectors to focus the sun's heat onto elevated receivers with a height of approximately 80 feet which consist of a system of tubes through which water flows. The concentrated sunlight boils the water in the tubes, generating high-pressure superheated steam for direct use in power generation without the need for heat exchangers.

The CSP solar field generates steam and energy when sun light is present. The water supply required for the project would be leased from the Moapa Band. Other major parts of the CSP project would include an operation and maintenance facility building along with cooling towers and evaporation ponds. The CSP project is expected to take 24 months to construct and expected to operate for approximately 25 to 30 years.

A single overhead 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line would connect the solar energy center to the nearby Harry Allen 230 kV Substation approximately six miles from the site. An additional interconnection line could be constructed to the Crystal Substation located approximately one mile east of project boundary. An access road would be constructed to the project site to provide access from Interstate-15 (I-15). This new road would be constructed between the site and the frontage road on the west side of I-15 for approximately 2.5 miles.

#### Submission of Public Comments

Please include your name, return address, and the caption "EIS, Moapa Solar Energy Center Project," on the first page of any written comments. You may also submit comments at the public scoping meetings.

The public scoping meetings will be held to further describe the Project and identify potential issues and alternatives to be considered in the EIS. The first public scoping meeting will be held on the Reservation and the other public scoping meeting will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada. The dates of the public scoping meetings will be included in notices to be posted in the *Las Vegas Sun*, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, and *Moapa Valley Progress* 15 days before the meetings.

#### Public Comment Availability

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the mailing address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,

Monday through Friday, except holidays. Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

#### Authority

This notice is published in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.7 of the Council of Environmental Quality regulations and 43 CFR 46.235 of the Department of the Interior Regulations implementing the procedural requirements of the NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and in accordance with the exercise of authority delegated to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by part 209 of the Department Manual.

Dated: July 26, 2012.

**Donald E. Laverdue,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Public Meeting, North Slope Science Initiative—Science Technical Advisory Panel

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, North Slope Science Initiative, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, North Slope Science Initiative (NSSI)—Science Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held September 18–20, 2012, in Fairbanks, Alaska. The meetings will begin at 9 a.m. in Room 401, International Arctic Research Center (IARC), 930 Koyukuk Drive, University of Alaska Fairbanks campus, Fairbanks, Alaska. Public comment will be accepted between 3 and 4 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John F. Payne, Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative, AK-910, c/o Bureau of Land Management, 222 W. Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513, (907) 271-3431 or email

*jpayne.blm.gov*. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NSSI STAP provides advice and recommendations to the NSSI Oversight Group regarding priority information needs for management decisions across the North Slope of Alaska. These priority information needs may include recommendations on inventory, monitoring, and research activities that contribute to informed resource management decisions. This meeting will include continued dialog for scenario planning for the North Slope and adjacent marine environments. Additionally, the STAP will continue with designing a long-term monitoring strategy for the North Slope.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Science Technical Advisory Panel through the Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative. Each formal meeting will also have time allotted for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, transportation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative. Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

Dated: July 30, 2012.

**Bud C. Cribley,**

*State Director.*

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