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#### Applicant's Proposed Project

We received an application from the applicant for an incidental take permit, along with a proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP). The applicant requests a 20-year permit under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act (87 Stat. 884; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The applicant proposes incremental mining of sand reserves throughout the permitted mining limits of the approximately 488.35-acre project area over the life of the mine. The site has been divided into five phases, based on the anticipated progression of the mining operation. Within Phase I, the applicant anticipates taking about 6.72 acres of breeding, feeding, and sheltering habitat for the sand skink (*Neoseps reynoldsi*), bluetail mole skink (*Eumeces egredius lividus*), and gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*), incidental to land preparation for the expansion of existing sand mining operations located in Polk County, Florida (project).

The extent of direct impacts in future phases is currently undetermined; however, based on the current USFWS guidelines, within Phases II, III, and IV, approximately 201.17 acres of the site appear to be suitable for the gopher tortoise, and approximately 130.75 acres appear to be suitable for the two skink species. The applicant's HCP describes the minimization and mitigation measures proposed to address the effects of the project on the sand skinks and gopher tortoise. In advance of the progression of the mining operations into future phases, quantitative surveys will be conducted for the skinks and gopher tortoises to determine the occupancy and extent of occupancy within these suitable areas. The completion of these surveys will be subject to the guidelines at the time the surveys are conducted. Construction activities associated with the Diamond Sand Mine will take place within Sections 3 and 4, Township 30 South, Range 28 East, Polk County, Florida.

The applicant proposes to mitigate for impacts to occupied skink habitat within Phase I by purchasing approximately 13.44 mitigation bank credits at the Tiger Creek Conservation Bank in Polk County, Florida, a bank within the service area of skinks. Direct impacts to occupied skink habitat

within the future phases will be mitigated at the same ratio, utilizing the same mitigation bank. Additionally, the applicant proposes to mitigate for impacts to occupied gopher tortoise habitat within Phase I, as well as in future phases, by relocating gopher tortoises and any recovered eggs to a recipient site approved by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

#### Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the applicant's project, including the mitigation measures, will individually and cumulatively have a minor or negligible effect on the species covered in the HCP. Therefore, issuance of the ITP is a "low-effect" action and qualifies as a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR 1506.6), as provided by the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 2 Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6 Appendix 1). We base our determination that issuance of the ITP qualifies as a low-effect action on the following three criteria: (1) Implementation of the project would result in minor or negligible effects on federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and their habitats; (2) Implementation of the project would result in minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources; and (3) Impacts of the project, considered together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable similarly situated projects, would not result, over time, in cumulative effects to environmental values or resources that would be considered significant. As more fully explained in our environmental action statement and associated Low Effect Screening Form, the applicants' proposed project qualifies as a "low-effect" project. This preliminary determination may be revised based on our review of public comments that we receive in response to this notice.

#### Public Comment

If you wish to comment on the ITP application and HCP, you may submit comments by any one of the following methods:

**Email:** [Brian\\_Powell@fws.gov](mailto:Brian_Powell@fws.gov). Use "Attn: Permit number TE01724B-0" as your message subject line.

**Fax:** Brian Powell, (772) 562-4288, Attn.: Permit number TE01724B-0.

**U.S. mail:** Brian Powell, Wildlife Biologist, South Florida Ecological Services Field Office, Attn: Permit number TE01724B-0, U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service, 1339 20th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960-3559.

**In-person drop-off:** You may drop off information during regular business hours at the above office address.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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.

#### Next Steps

The Service will evaluate the HCP and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the applications meet the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act. The Service will also evaluate whether issuance of the section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP complies with section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation. The results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings, will be used in the final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the ITP. If it is determined that the requirements of the Act are met, the ITP will be issued.

#### Authority

We provide this notice under Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: May 6, 2013.

**Larry Williams,**

*Field Supervisor, South Florida Ecological Services Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

**Bureau of Ocean Energy Management**  
**MMAA104000**

**Environmental Documents Prepared for Oil, Gas, and Mineral Operations by the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Region**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of the Availability of Environmental Documents Prepared for OCS Mineral Proposals by the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region.

**SUMMARY:** BOEM, in accordance with Federal Regulations that implement the National Environmental Policy Act

(NEPA), announces the availability of NEPA-related Site-Specific Environmental Assessments (SEAs) and Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSIs). These documents were prepared during the period January 1, 2013, through March 31, 2013, for oil, gas, and mineral-related activities that were proposed in the Gulf of Mexico, and are more specifically described in the Supplementary Information Section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management,  
Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Attention:

Public Information Office (GM 250E),  
1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room  
250, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–  
2394, or by calling 1–800–200–GULF.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** BOEM prepares SEAs and FONSIs for certain proposals that relate to exploration, development, production, and transport of oil, gas, and mineral resources on the Federal OCS. These SEAs examine the potential environmental effects of proposed activities and present BOEM conclusions regarding the significance of those effects. The SEAs are used as a basis for determining whether or not

approval of the proposals constitutes a major Federal action that significantly affects the quality of the human environment in accordance with NEPA Section 102(2)(C). A FONSI is prepared in those instances where BOEM finds that approval will not result in significant effects on the quality of the human environment. The FONSI briefly presents the basis for that finding and includes a summary or copy of the SEA. This notice constitutes the public notice of availability of environmental documents required under the NEPA Regulations.

Activity/operator	Location	Date
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13–006	East Cameron, Block 48, Lease OCS–G 00768, located 18 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/7/2013
Tana Exploration Company LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13–008.	Eugene Island, Block 98, Lease OCS–G 26023, located 20 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/7/2013
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12–310	High Island, Block 176, Lease OCS–G 23588, located 23 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/8/2013
Mariner Energy Resources, Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12–302.	High Island, Block 47, Lease OCS–G 23193, located 16 miles from the nearest Texas shoreline.	1/8/2013
Noble Energy, Inc., Exploration Plan, SEA R–5764 .....	Mississippi Canyon, Block 948, Lease OCS–G 28030, located 62 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/8/2013
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12–306	Mobile, Block 830, Lease OCS–G 27973, located 5 miles from the nearest Alabama shoreline.	1/8/2013
Black Elk Energy Offshore Operations, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13–001.	East Cameron, Block 160, Lease OCS–G 00541, located 44 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/9/2013
Black Elk Energy Offshore Operations, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13–002.	East Cameron, Block 160, Lease OCS–G 00541, located 45 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/9/2013
Arena Offshore, LP, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12–324 ..	High Island, Block A515, Lease OCS–G 24415, located 86 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/9/2013
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12–311	Main Pass, Block 104, Lease OCS–G 13960, located 9 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/9/2013
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12–315	Main Pass, Block 7, Lease OCS–G 21700, located 5 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/9/2013
Pisces Energy LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12–317 ..	Mustang Island, Block 740, Lease OCS–G 05980, located 230 miles from the nearest Texas shoreline.	1/9/2013
Black Elk Energy Offshore Operations, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13–003.	West Cameron, Block 20, Lease OCS–G 00680, located 4 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/9/2013
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12–307 & 12–308.	Eugene Island, Block 106, Lease OCS–G 17966, located 20 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/10/2013
Dynamic Offshore Resources, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12–327.	Galveston, Block 223, Lease OCS–G 03738, located 15 miles from the nearest Texas shoreline.	1/10/2013
Arena Offshore, LP, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12–320 ..	South Timbalier, Block 217, Lease OCS–G 13937, located 44 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/10/2013
Mariner Energy Resources, Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13–009.	Vermilion, Block 102, Lease OCS–G 03393, located 28 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/10/2013
Anglo-Suisse Offshore Partners, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 06–116.	West Delta, Block 117, Lease OCS–G 01101, located 23 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/10/2013
Arena Offshore, LP, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12–321 ..	Eugene Island, Block 163, Lease OCS–G 17977, located 30 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/14/2013
Arena Offshore, LP, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12–323 ..	Eugene Island, Block 318, Lease OCS–G 27121, located 63 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/14/2013
ATP Oil & Gas Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12–283.	South Timbalier, Block 77, Lease OCS–G 04827, located 19 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/14/2013
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12–312 & 12–313.	East Cameron, Block 47, Lease OCS–G 00767, located 17 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/15/2013
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12–314	Eugene Island, Block 108, Lease OCS–G 03811, located 23 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/15/2013
Mariner Energy Resources, Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13–010.	High Island, Block 47, Lease OCS–G 23193, located 14 miles from the nearest Texas shoreline.	1/15/2013
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12–309	Main Pass, Block 7, Lease OCS–G 21700, located 4 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/15/2013
LLOG Exploration Offshore, L.L.C., Exploration Plan, SEA R–5774.	Mississippi Canyon, Block 253, Lease OCS–G 24062, located 54 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/15/2013
WesternGeco, LLC, Geological & Geophysical Survey, SEA L12–032.	Walker Ridge, Keathley Canyon, Amery Terrace & Sigsbee Escarpment, located greater than 160 miles from the nearest shoreline.	1/15/2013

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Apache Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12-303, 12-304, & 12-305.	West Cameron, Block 28, Lease OCS-G 16104, located 4 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/15/2013
Dynamic Offshore Resources, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12-326.	West Cameron, Block 432, Lease OCS-G 23771, located 65 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/15/2013
Shell Offshore Inc., Exploration Plan, SEA R-5737 .....	Alaminos Canyon, Block 857, Lease OCS-G 17565, located 134 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/17/2013
Arena Offshore, LP, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12-319 ..	West Delta, Block 42, Lease OCS-G 16470, located 12 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/17/2013
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-007	Main Pass, Block 104, Lease OCS-G 13960, located 9 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/18/2013
Black Elk Energy Offshore Operations, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12-328.	South Marsh Island, Block 23, Lease OCS-G 00778, located 41 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/18/2013
WesternGeco, LLC, Geological & Geophysical Survey, SEA L12-036.	Located in the Central Planning Area of the Gulf of Mexico ....	1/22/2013
Nexen Petroleum U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-015.	Vermilion, Block 67, Lease OCS-G 00559, located 15 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/23/2013
Apex Oil & Gas, Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-019	Vermillion, Block 129, Lease OCS-G 17898, located 31 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/23/2013
Nexen Petroleum U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-016.	Vermillion, Block 66, Lease OCS-G 04787, located 14 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/23/2013
Stone Energy Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 97-143A.	Vermilion, Block 46, Lease OCS 00079, Located 8 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/24/2013
Walter Oil & Gas Corporation, Exploration Plan, SEA R-5766	South Timbalier 127, OCS Lease OCS-G 33109, located 22 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/25/2013
Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-017	South Marsh Island, Block 217, Lease OCS-G 00310, located 8 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/28/2013
Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-013 & 13-014.	South Marsh, Block 217, Lease OCS-G 00310, located 8 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/28/2013
Black Elk Energy Offshore Operations, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-005.	South Timbalier, Block 185, Lease OCS-G 01569, located 40 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/28/2013
WesternGeco, LLC, Geological & Geophysical Survey, SEA L12-001.	Central Planning Area of the Gulf of Mexico, Located 127 miles from the nearest shoreline.	1/29/2013
Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-012	South Marsh Island, Block 217, Lease OCS-G 00310, located 8 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/29/2013
Murphy Exploration & Production Company—USA, Exploration Plan, SEA S-7590.	Mississippi Canyon, Block 538, Lease OCS-G16614, & Mississippi Canyon, Block 582, Lease OCS-G 16623, located 37 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/30/2013
Merit Energy Company, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-004.	Galveston, Block 252, Lease OCS-G 11307, located 13 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/31/2013
Shell Offshore Inc., Exploration Plan, SEA R-5772 .....	Mississippi Canyon, Block 809, Lease OCS-G 05868, located 50 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/31/2013
Dynamic Offshore Resources, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12-325.	South Marsh Island, Block 109, Lease OCS-G 24873, located 68 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/31/2013
Nexen Petroleum U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-025 & 13-026.	Vermilion, Block 66, Lease OCS-G 04787, located 15 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/31/2013
Anglo-Suisse Offshore Partners, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 06-112A.	West Delta, Block 117, Lease OCS-G 01101, located 23 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/31/2013
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-020	Matagorda Island, Block 622, Lease OCS-G 05000, located 15 miles from the nearest Texas shoreline.	2/1/2013
Arena Offshore, LP, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12-322 ..	Eugene Island, Block 314, Lease OCS-G 02111, located 73 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	2/4/2013
Mariner Energy Resources, Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/ SR 12-113.	Ship Shoal, Block 295, Lease OCS-G 21116, Located 58 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	2/4/2013
Dynamic Offshore Resources, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-031.	West Cameron, Block 290, Lease OCS-G 04818, located 27 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	2/4/2013
Stone Energy Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-033.	West Cameron, Block 45, Lease OCS 00299, located 7 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	2/4/2013
Statoil Gulf of Mexico LLC, Exploration Plan, SEA N-9669 .....	Walker Ridge, Block 970, Lease Number OCS-G 26420, located 219 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	2/5/2013
Stone Energy Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-034.	West Cameron, Block 45, Lease OCS 00300, located 5 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	2/6/2013
Tesla Offshore, LLC, Geological & Geophysical Survey, SEA L12-010.	Central Planning Area of the Gulf of Mexico, located 4 miles from the nearest shoreline.	2/7/2013
Shell Offshore Inc., Geological & Geophysical Survey, SEA T12-004.	Alaminos Canyon, Western Planning Area of the Gulf of Mexico, located 124 miles from the nearest shoreline.	2/8/2013
Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-018	South Marsh Island, Block 218, Lease OCS-G 00310, located 9 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	2/11/2013
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-029	West Cameron, Block 165, Lease OCS-G 00758, located 27 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	2/11/2013
TGS, Geological & Geophysical Survey, SEA L12-039 .....	Central Planning Area of the Gulf of Mexico, located 80 miles from the nearest shoreline.	2/13/2013
Arena Offshore, LP, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 11-235 ..	Grand Isle, Block 102, Lease OCS-G 05662, located 47 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	2/14/2013

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Tana Exploration Company, LLC, Exploration Plan, SEA R-5797.	Central Planning Area of the Gulf of Mexico, located 66 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	2/15/2013
Nexen Petroleum U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-040.	Vermilion, Block 66, Lease OCS-G 04787, located 15 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	2/15/2013
Dynamic Offshore Resources, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-036.	Ship Shoal, Block 188, Lease OCS-G 22712, located 32 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	2/19/2013
Shell Offshore Inc., Development Operations Coordination Document, SEA S-7584.	Green Canyon, Block 248, located 91 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	2/20/2013
Mariner Energy Resources, Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-039.	Eugene Island, Block 53, Lease OCS-G 00479, located 15 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	2/21/2013
Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, Exploration Plan, SEA R-5800.	Central Planning Area of the Gulf of Mexico, located 95 miles from the nearest Alabama shoreline.	2/22/2013
Eni US Operating Co. Inc., Development Operations Coordination Document, SEA S-7580.	Lease OCS-G 25142, in the Central Planning Area, located 101 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	2/22/2013
Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-041	South Timbalier, Block 52, Lease OCS-G 01241, located 13 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	2/26/2013
Union Oil Company of California, Exploration Plan, SEA R-5814.	Central Planning Area of the Gulf of Mexico, located 182 miles south of the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	2/27/2013
Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Exploration Plan, SEA R-5812 .....	Central Planning Area of the Gulf of Mexico, located 185 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	2/27/2013
Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-042	South Timbalier, Block 51, Lease OCS-G 01240, located 11 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	2/27/2013
Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-044	South Timbalier, Block 51, Lease OCS-G 01240, located 12 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	2/27/2013
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-045	West Cameron, Block 575, Lease OCS-G 04844, located 99 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/1/2013
Mariner Energy, Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-011	West Cameron, Block 112, Lease OCS-G 21536, located 18 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/4/2013
Stone Energy Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-053.	East Cameron, Block 121, Lease OCS-G 22582, located 36 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/6/2013
Energy Partners, Ltd., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-052	South Timbalier, Block 185, Lease OCS-G 01569, located 40 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/6/2013
Stone Energy Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-046.	West Cameron, Block 45, Lease OCS-G 00300, located 4 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/6/2013
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-048 & 13-049.	West Cameron, Block 575, Lease OCS-G 04844, located 99 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/6/2013
CGG Veritas (US) Inc., Geological & Geophysical Survey, SEA L13-002.	Green Canyon and Walker Ridge in the Central Planning Area of the Gulf of Mexico.	3/7/2013
Energy Partners, Ltd., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12-170	South Timbalier, Block 46, Lease OCS-G 24955, located 11 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/7/2013
Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-043	South Timbalier, Block 51, Lease OCS-G 01240, located 10 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/11/2013
Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-050	West Cameron, Block 19, Lease OCS-G 21531, located 3 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/11/2013
Linder Oil Company, A Partnership, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-057.	East Cameron, Block 49, Lease OCS-G 00932, located 16 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/12/2013
Stone Energy Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-060.	West Cameron, Block 56, Lease OCS-G 00301, located 7 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/12/2013
Stone Energy Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 91-065.	West Cameron, Block 56, Lease OCS-G 00301, located 7 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/12/2013
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12-120	West Cameron, Block 645, Lease OCS-G 03973, located 115 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/12/2013
Stone Energy Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-055.	West Cameron, Block 45, Lease OCS-G 00300, located 4 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/13/2013
Stone Energy Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 06-128.	West Cameron, Block 56, Lease OCS-G 00301, located 7 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/13/2013
Stone Energy Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-056.	West Cameron, Block 56, Lease OCS-G 00301, located 7 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/13/2013
Walter Oil & Gas Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 09-155.	Main Pass, Block 313, Lease OCS-G 04127, located 16 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/14/2013
Pisces Energy LLC. Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-047 ..	South Timbalier, Block 204, Lease OCS-G 16432, located 41 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/14/2013
Dynamic Offshore Resources, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12-316.	Eugene Island, Block 309, Lease OCS-G 00997, located 70 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/15/2013
Tana Exploration Company LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12-182.	Eugene Island, Block 85, Lease OCS-G 24889, located 18 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/15/2013
Exxon Mobil Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 11-316.	Mississippi Canyon, Block 268, Lease OCS-G 02970, located 29 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/15/2013
Mariner Energy Resources, Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-037.	West Delta, Block 34, Lease OCS-G 03414, located 10 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/15/2013
Energy XXI GOM, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-068.	South Timbalier, Block 21, Lease OCS 00263, located 5 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/18/2013
Magnum Hunter Production, Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 11-206.	South Timbalier, Block 265, Lease OCS-G 12980, located 51 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/18/2013

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Mariner Energy Resources, Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12-114.	Vermilion, Block 375 Lease OCS-G 14427, located 98 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/18/2013
Stone Energy Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-027.	West Cameron, Block 45, Lease OCS 00299, located 5 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/18/2013
Stone Energy Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-028.	West Cameron, Block 45, Lease OCS 00300, located 5 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/18/2013
Energy XXI GOM, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-071.	South Timbalier, Block 21, Lease OCS 00263, located 3 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/19/2013
Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-024	South Timbalier, Block 51, Lease OCS-G 01240, located 10 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/19/2013
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-137	West Cameron, Block 148, Lease OCS-G 02640, located 12 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/19/2013
Stone Energy Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-051.	West Cameron, Block 45, Lease OCS-G 00300, located 5 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/19/2013
Tana Exploration Company LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-064.	Main Pass, Block 99, Lease OCS-G 21703, located 18 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/21/2013
Shell Offshore Inc., Exploration Plan, SEA R-5826 .....	Mississippi Canyon, Block 809, Lease OCS-G 05868, located 54 miles south of the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/21/2013
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12-115	Ship Shoal, Block 296, Lease OCS-G 15303, located 60 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/21/2013
Energy XXI GOM, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-072.	South Timbalier, Block 21, Lease OCS 00263, located 3 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/21/2013
Energy XXI GOM, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-069.	South Timbalier, Block 22, Lease OCS 00165, located 6 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/21/2013
Energy XXI GOM, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-075.	South Timbalier, Block 28, Lease OCS-G 01362, located 6 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/21/2013
Statoil Gulf of Mexico LLC, Exploration Plan, SEA R-5824 .....	Walker Ridge, Block 970, Lease OCS-G 26420, located 218 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/21/2013
Merit Energy Company, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-081.	Eugene Island, Block 159, Lease OCS-G 23867, located 38 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/22/2013
Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 98-012	Vermilion, Block 24, Lease OCS-G 03543, located 4 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/22/2013
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-038	West Cameron, Block 294, Lease OCS-G 04090, located 29 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/22/2013
Stone Energy Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-076.	West Cameron, Block 45, Lease OCS-G 00300, located 5 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/22/2013
Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-062	Main Pass, Block 40, Lease OCS-G 00373, located 11 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/25/2013
Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-063	Main Pass, Block 41, Lease OCS-G 00374, located 10 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/25/2013
Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-061	Main Pass, Block 41, Lease OCS-G 00374, located 11 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/25/2013
Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-058	South Marsh Island, Block 237, Lease OCS-G 00310, located 11 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/25/2013
Union Oil Company of California, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-065 & 13-066.	West Cameron, Block 196, Lease OCS-G 05292, located 31 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/25/2013
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-082	Eugene Island, Block 296, Lease OCS-G 02105, located 60 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/26/2013
Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-059	South Marsh Island, Block 237, Lease OCS-G 00310, located 11 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/26/2013
Energy XXI GOM, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-070.	South Timbalier, Block 21, Lease OCS 00263, located 3 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/26/2013
Rooster Petroleum, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 04-135.	Eugene Island, Block 28, Lease OCS-G 05479, located 13 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/27/2013
Mariner Energy, Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 11-219	Eugene Island, Block 325, Lease OCS-G 05517, located 63 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/27/2013
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 11-163	South Pass, Block 52, Lease OCS-G 23698, located 8 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/27/2013
Energy XXI GOM, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-073.	South Timbalier, Block 21, Lease OCS 00263, located 5 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/27/2013
Stone Energy Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-077.	West Cameron, Block 45, Lease OCS-G 00300, located 4 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/27/2013
JX Nippon Oil Exploration (U.S.A.) Limited, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 12-096.	West Cameron, Block 551, Lease OCS-G 02555, located 95 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/27/2013
McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-085.	Brazos, Block A23, Lease OCS-G 32731, located 35 miles from the nearest Texas shoreline.	3/28/2013
McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-080.	Mustang Island, Block 782, Lease OCS-G 10147, located 26 miles from the nearest Texas shoreline.	3/28/2013
Union Oil Company of California, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-079.	West Cameron, Block 197, Lease OCS-G 03264, located 31 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/28/2013
McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-088.	High Island, Block A472, Lease OCS-G 17182, located 82 miles from the nearest Texas shoreline.	3/29/2013
McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-089.	South Marsh Island, Block 49, Lease OCS-G 00787, located 50 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/29/2013

Activity/operator	Location	Date
ATP Oil & Gas Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-096.	South Timbalier, Block 77, Lease OCS-G 04827, located 18 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/29/2013
McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-086.	West Cameron, Block 192, Lease OCS 00190, located 28 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/29/2013
McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 13-083.	West Cameron, Block 294, Lease OCS-G 04090, located 28 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	3/29/2013

Persons interested in reviewing environmental documents for the proposals listed above or obtaining information about the SEAs and FONSIs prepared by the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region are encouraged to contact BOEM at the address or telephone listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

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#### Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Geological and Geophysical Exploration Activities in the Gulf of Mexico

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent; Notice of Scoping Meetings; and Request for Scoping Comments.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the regulations implementing (National Environmental Policy Act) (NEPA), and subject to available funding, BOEM is announcing the intent to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) to evaluate potential environmental effects of multiple geological and geophysical (G&G) activities in OCS waters of the Gulf of Mexico (GOM), extending from the coastline to the seaward boundary of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), including the GOM OCS. The PEIS will be prepared cooperatively with NMFS to serve as the requisite environmental analysis under NEPA for the National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) rulemaking governing authorization for unintentional marine mammal takes during G&G activities in GOM waters. It will also provide information for future decisions regarding Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) permit and MMPA authorization actions, in addition to informing consultations

under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSFCMA), and other statutes. By this document, BOEM announces: The intention to prepare a PEIS; commencement of the scoping process under NEPA; a request for public comment on the scope of the PEIS; times, dates and locations for public scoping meetings; and a request for other Federal Agencies, and State, Tribal, and local governments to consider becoming cooperating agencies in the preparation of the PEIS.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted no later than June 24, 2013. For specific meeting dates and more information on submitting comments, see **ADDRESSES**.

**ADDRESSES:** The following public scoping meetings are planned for the PEIS:

- *Tampa, Florida:* Monday, June 10, 2013, Embassy Suites Westshore Tampa Airport Hotel, 555 North Westshore Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33609; one meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. EDT;

- *Fort Walton Beach, Florida:* Tuesday, June 11, 2013, Ramada Plaza Beach Resort, 1500 Miracle Strip Parkway SE., Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548; one meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. CDT;

- *Mobile, Alabama:* Wednesday, June 12, 2013, Government Plaza, 205 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama 36644; one meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. CDT;

- *Gulfport, Mississippi:* Thursday, June 13, 2013, Courtyard by Marriott Gulfport Beachfront MS Hotel, 1600 East Beach Boulevard, Gulfport, Mississippi 39501; one meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. CDT;

- *Galveston, Texas:* Monday, June 17, 2013, Galveston Hilton, 5400 Seawall Boulevard, Galveston, Texas 77551; one meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. CDT;

- *New Orleans, Louisiana:* Wednesday, June 19, 2013, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123; one meeting beginning at 1 p.m. CDT;

- *Silver Spring, Maryland:* Thursday, June 20, 2013, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland

20910; one meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m. EDT.

**Comments:** Statements, both oral and written, will be received at the scoping meetings. All persons wishing to speak will have an opportunity to do so. Time limits may be set on speakers to allow time for all speakers to participate. In addition, background information will be provided by BOEM and NMFS on the Federal compliance processes related to this Proposed Action.

In lieu of participation in the scoping meetings listed above, Federal, State, and local government agencies and other interested parties, including members of the public, may submit written comments on the scope of the PEIS, significant issues that should be addressed, alternatives that should be considered, and the types of G&G activities and geographical areas of interest on Federal and State waters of the GOM. Comments will also be shared with NMFS.

Comments may be submitted in one of the following three ways:

1. In written form enclosed in an envelope labeled "Comments on Scoping for the Gulf of Mexico G&G PEIS" and mailed (or hand carried) to Mr. Gary D. Goeke, Chief, Regional Assessment Section, Office of Environment (MS 5410), Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394; or

2. Electronically to the BOEM email address: [gomggeis@boem.gov](mailto:gomggeis@boem.gov).

3. Through the regulations.gov web portal: Navigate to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for "Geological and Geophysical Exploration Activities on Federal and State Waters of the Gulf of Mexico" (Note: It is important to include the quotation marks in your search terms.) Click on the "Comment Now!" button to the right of the document link. Enter your information and comment, then click "Submit".

**Public Disclosure of Names and Addresses:** Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment, including your personal identifying