

existing tailings storage facility, and a new borrow area.

NMC would continue to employ the existing workforce of approximately 500 employees for the construction, operation, reclamation, and closure of the proposed project expansion, which is anticipated to extend the mine life by approximately another 23 years from 2040 to 2063.

The proposed Project surface disturbance affecting Greater Sage-Grouse habitat on BLM administered land is 7 acres of Preliminary Priority Habitat (PPH) and 108 acres of Preliminary General Habitat (PGH). Since 2013, BLM biologists at the Mount Lewis Field Office have coordinated with the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) and the BLM State Office regarding NMC's disturbance to Greater Sage-Grouse habitat. Collectively, the organizations will formulate best management practices for Greater Sage-Grouse and other wildlife species and will agree on measures to mitigate the disturbance to Greater Sage-Grouse habitat through the EIS development.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including potential alternatives, and guide the process for developing the EIS. At present, the BLM has identified the following preliminary issues: Closure of the cyanide heap leach pad (s), water management, air quality impacts, wildlife (including migratory birds), special status species, noise and visual issues, soils, recreation, cultural resources, Native American cultural concerns, and grazing management.

The BLM will utilize and coordinate the NEPA scoping process to help fulfill the public involvement process under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (54 U.S.C. 306108) as provided in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). The information about historic and cultural resources within the area potentially affected by the proposed Project will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources in the context of both NEPA and the NHPA.

The BLM will consult with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175 and other policies. Tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, will be given due consideration. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with tribes and other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the proposed Project that the BLM is evaluating, are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested

by the BLM to participate in the development of the environmental analysis as a cooperating agency.

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.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1501.7.

**Jon D. Sherve,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### **Notice of National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Oil and Gas Lease Sale 2015 and Notice of Availability of the Detailed Statement of Sale for Oil and Gas Lease Sale 2015 in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Alaska State Office hereby notifies the public it will hold a National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska oil and gas lease sale bid opening for tracts in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska. The United States reserves the right to withdraw any tract from this sale prior to issuance of a written acceptance of a bid.

**DATES:** The oil and gas lease sale bid opening will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2015. Sealed bids must be received by 4 p.m., Monday, November 16, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** The oil and gas lease sale bids will be opened at the Anchorage Federal Building, Denali Room (fourth floor), 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK. Sealed bids must be sent to Carol Taylor (AK932), BLM-Alaska State Office; 222 West 7th Avenue, #13; Anchorage, AK 99513-7504.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wayne Svejnoha, 907-271-4407. 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, 7 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 Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Alaska State Office, under the authority of 43 CFR 3131.4-1(a), hereby notifies the public it will hold a National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska oil and gas lease sale bid opening for tracts in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska.

All bids must be submitted by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions identified in the Detailed Statement of Sale. They must be received at the BLM Alaska State Office, ATTN: Carol Taylor (AK932); 222 West 7th Avenue, #13; Anchorage, AK 99513-7504; no later than 4:00 p.m., Monday, November 16, 2015.

The Detailed Statement of Sale for the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Oil and Gas Lease Sale 2015 will be available to the public immediately after publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**. The Detailed Statement may be obtained from the BLM Alaska Web site at [www.blm.gov/ak](http://www.blm.gov/ak), or by request from the Public Information Center, BLM Alaska State Office; 222 West 7th Avenue, #13; Anchorage, AK 99513-7504; telephone 907-271-5960. The Detailed Statement of Sale will include a description of the areas to be offered for lease, the lease terms, conditions, special stipulations, required operating procedures, and how and where to submit bids.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 3131.4-1 and 43 U.S.C. 1733 and 1740.

**Bud C. Cribley,**

*State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

[BOEM-2015-0016]

#### **Revised Environmental Assessment for Virginia Offshore Wind Technology Advancement Project on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf Offshore Virginia; MMAA104000**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of a Revised Environmental Assessment and a Finding of No Significant Impact.

**SUMMARY:** BOEM is announcing the availability of a revised Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the approval of the Virginia Offshore Wind Technology Advancement Project (VOWTAP). The revised EA provides a discussion of potential impacts of the proposed action and an analysis of reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. As a result of the analysis in the revised EA, BOEM issued a FONSI concluding that the reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts associated with the proposed action and alternatives would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment. These documents and associated information are available on BOEM's Web site at <http://www.boem.gov/VOWTAP/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michelle Morin, BOEM Office of Renewable Energy Programs, 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, Virginia 20166, (703) 787-1340 or [michelle.morin@boem.gov](mailto:michelle.morin@boem.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In December 2014, BOEM published an EA to consider the reasonably foreseeable environmental consequences associated with the approval of wind energy-related research activities (*i.e.*, construction, operation, maintenance, and eventual decommissioning of the VOWTAP) offshore Virginia as proposed by the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy (DMME). A Notice of Availability was published on December 2, 2014 to announce the availability of the EA and initiate a 30-day public comment period. On January 2, 2015, BOEM published a **Federal Register** notice extending the comment period until January 16, 2015. The EA was subsequently revised based on comments received during the comment period and a public information meeting. The revised EA provides technical clarification, such as the type of aviation safety lights that would be installed on the turbines, and the parameters used in the avian collision model. Also the revised EA provides additional information detailing the vegetation and land cover of the onshore impact area associated with cable installation and seasonal prohibitions for North Atlantic right whales. In addition to the proposed action, the revised EA considers the same alternative turbine locations considered in the December 2014 EA. BOEM's analysis of the proposed action and alternatives still takes into account standard operating conditions designed to avoid or minimize potential impacts

to protected species of marine mammals and sea turtles, including: (1) Those required during all project activity associated with the VOWTAP (vessel strike avoidance, marine debris awareness, and reporting); (2) those required during high-resolution geophysical surveys (establishment, monitoring and clearance of an exclusion zone; and shutdown, ramp up, power down, and pause procedures); (3) those required during pile driving (establishment, monitoring and clearance of an exclusion zone; prohibition on pile driving from November 1 to April 30 and within an active Dynamic Management Area; and soft start and shut down, and pause procedures); and (4) those required during dynamic positioning thruster use (establishment and monitoring of an exclusion zone, and ramp up and power down procedures). In accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA at 40 CFR 1500-1508, BOEM issued a FONSI supported by the analysis in the revised EA. The FONSI concluded that the reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts associated with the proposed action and alternatives, as set forth in the EA, would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment; therefore, the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

**Authority:** This Notice of Availability for an EA is in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4231 *et seq.*), and is published pursuant to 43 CFR 46.305.

Dated: June 22, 2015.

**Abigail Ross Hopper,**  
*Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701-TA-528-529 and 731-TA-1264-1268 (Final)]

### Certain Uncoated Paper from Australia, Brazil, China, Indonesia, and Portugal; Scheduling of the Final Phase of Countervailing Duty and Antidumping Duty Investigations

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of the final phase of antidumping and countervailing duty investigation Nos. 701-TA-528-529 and 731-TA-1264-1268 (Final) pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act") to determine whether an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports of certain uncoated paper from Australia, Brazil, China, Indonesia, and Portugal, provided for in subheadings 4802.56 and 4802.57 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, preliminarily determined by the Department of Commerce to be subsidized and sold at less-than-fair-value.<sup>1</sup>

**DATES:** Effective Date: August 24, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nathanael N. Comly (202-205-3174), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for these investigations may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Background.**—The final phase of these investigations is being scheduled pursuant to sections 705(b) and 731(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671d(b) and 1673d(b)), as a result of affirmative preliminary determinations by the Department of Commerce that certain benefits which constitute subsidies within the meaning of section

<sup>1</sup> For purposes of these investigations, the Department of Commerce has defined the subject merchandise as uncoated paper in sheet form; weighing at least 40 grams per square meter but not more than 150 grams per square meter; that either is a white paper with a GE brightness level 7 of 85 or higher or is a colored paper; whether or not surface decorated, printed (except as noted), embossed, perforated, or punched; irrespective of the smoothness of the surface; and irrespective of dimensions. For a full description of the scope of the investigations, including product exclusions, see *Certain Uncoated Paper from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination*, 80 FR 36968, June 29, 2015.