

basis for the BLM's Resource Management Plans. The BLM conducts planning within the NPR-A with an IAP. The BLM complies with all applicable laws in the preparation of the IAP, including the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, and the National Historic Preservation Act.

#### Purpose and Need for Action

The BLM is developing a new IAP/EIS to determine the appropriate management of all BLM-managed lands in the NPR-A in a manner consistent with existing statutory direction and Secretarial Order 3352. Secretarial Order 3352 directs the development of a schedule to "effectuate the lawful review and development of an IAP for the NPR-A that strikes an appropriate balance of promoting development while protecting surface resources." The Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations require oil and gas leasing in the NPR-A and the protection of surface values consistent with exploration, development and transportation of oil and gas.

#### Proposed Action

The BLM will be preparing a new IAP/EIS, which is intended to supersede the 2013 IAP/EIS ROD and, depending on the alternative selected, may supersede the 2008 Colville River Special Area Management Plan, as amended by the 2013 IAP/EIS ROD.

#### Lead and Cooperating Agencies

The BLM is the lead agency for the IAP/EIS. The BLM has extended invitations to participate as cooperating agencies to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the State of Alaska, the North Slope Borough, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, and the U.S. Geological Survey.

#### Responsible Official

The Secretary of the Interior is the responsible official.

#### Nature of Decision To Be Made

Consistent with the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act, the IAP/EIS will address a narrower range of multiple use management than a resource management plan (*e.g.*, it will not contemplate opening lands to hard rock or coal mining). The IAP/EIS will include: A consideration of a range of alternatives that make lands available for leasing; an examination of current special area boundaries; and, a

consideration of new or revised lease stipulations and best management practices. The IAP/EIS would also ensure that the BLM's land management will provide the opportunity, subject to appropriate conditions developed through a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, to construct pipelines and other necessary infrastructure to bring oil and gas resources from offshore or adjacent leases to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System or a future gas pipeline from the North Slope. The IAP/EIS would also consider the potential for a road system connecting communities across the North Slope.

#### Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the IAP/EIS. The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine the management decisions and resources to be addressed and the issues for analysis. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

The BLM must receive all comments by the end of the scoping comment period to be included in the scoping report. The most useful comments are substantive comments that address the following topics: Areas available for leasing, special area boundaries, lease stipulations and best management practices, and resource issues to be analyzed.

You may submit written comments on management decisions, resources to be addressed, and issues for analysis to the BLM at any of the public scoping meetings, or you may use any of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. 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. Although you may ask the BLM to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, the BLM cannot provide any guarantees that it will be able to do so.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1501.7.

#### Ted A. Murphy,

*Acting State Director, Alaska.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OLP Docket No. 168]

### Supplemental Information Regarding Arizona Capital Counsel Mechanism

**AGENCY:** Department of Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the State of Arizona has provided additional information about its capital counsel mechanism, and solicits public comment on that supplemental information.

**DATES:** Written and electronic comments must be submitted on or before January 7, 2019. Comments received by mail will be considered timely if they are postmarked on or before that date. The electronic Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) will accept comments until Midnight Eastern Time at the end of that day.

**ADDRESSES:** To ensure proper handling of comments, please reference "Docket No. OLP 168" on all electronic and written correspondence. The Department encourages that all comments be submitted electronically through <http://www.regulations.gov> using the electronic comment form provided on that site. Paper comments that duplicate the electronic submission should not be submitted. Individuals who wish to submit written comments may send those to the contact listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section immediately below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laurence Rothenberg, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20530; telephone (202) 532-4465.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Chapter 154 of title 28, United States Code, provides special procedures for federal habeas corpus review of cases brought by prisoners in State custody who are subject to capital sentences. The special procedures may be available to a State only if the Attorney General of the United States has certified that the State has established a qualifying mechanism for the appointment, compensation, and payment of reasonable litigation expenses of competent counsel in State postconviction proceedings for indigent capital prisoners. 28 U.S.C. 2261, 2265; 28 CFR part 26.

On November 16, 2017, the Department of Justice, Office of Legal Policy published a notice in the **Federal Register**, 82 FR 53529, advising the public of Arizona's request for certification, dated April 18, 2013, and requesting public comment regarding

that request. The Department also sent a letter to Arizona, dated November 16, 2017, asking whether the State wished to supplement or update its request. Arizona responded in a letter dated November 27, 2017. The Department, on December 27, 2017, published a second notice in the **Federal Register**, 82 FR 61329, which advised the public that the State had submitted additional information and provided additional time for public comment.

Following the receipt of public comments, the Department sent a letter dated June 29, 2018, to Arizona requesting that the State provide answers to a number of questions that had arisen during the Department's review of the comments, and inviting response to any other matters raised in the comments. This notice advises the public that the State of Arizona submitted additional information in response, in a letter dated October 16, 2018, and solicits public comment on that supplemental information. The correspondence with Arizona, including its letter of October 16, 2018, may be viewed at <https://www.justice.gov/olp/pending-requests-final-decisions>.

Following the Department's transmission of its letter of June 29, 2018 to Arizona, and again following Arizona's transmission of its responsive letter of October 16, 2018 to the Department, a commenter on Arizona's request for certification requested that the Department provide an opportunity for additional public comment to allow response to the new information in Arizona's letter. This notice provides an opportunity for such public comment.

Dated: November 13, 2018.

**Beth A. Williams,**

*Assistant Attorney General.*

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## **NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES**

### **National Endowment for the Arts**

#### **Arts Advisory Panel Meetings**

**AGENCY:** National Endowment for the Arts

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given that 6 meetings of the Arts Advisory Panel to the National Council on the Arts will be held by teleconference.

**DATES:** See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for individual

meeting times and dates. All meetings are Eastern time and ending times are approximate:

**ADDRESSES:** National Endowment for the Arts, Constitution Center, 400 7th St. SW, Washington, DC 20506.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Further information with reference to these meetings can be obtained from Ms. Sherry Hale, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506; [hales@arts.gov](mailto:hales@arts.gov), or call 202/682-5696.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The closed portions of meetings are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of July 5, 2016, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(6) of section 552b of title 5, United States Code.

The upcoming meetings are:

*Literature* (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

*Date and time:* December 17, 2018; 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Media Arts* (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

*Date and time:* December 17, 2018; 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Literature* (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

*Date and time:* December 18, 2018; 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Media Arts* (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

*Date and time:* December 18, 2018; 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

*Media Arts* (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

*Date and time:* December 18, 2018; 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Media Arts* (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

*Date and time:* December 19, 2018; 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Dated: November 16, 2018.

**Sherry Hale,**

*Staff Assistant, National Endowment for the Arts.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[NRC-2018-0236]

### **Memorandum of Understanding Between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Memorandum of understanding; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is announcing that, effective on September 30, 2018, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) and the State of Wyoming, Department of Environmental Quality (WYDEQ), entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the purpose of establishing a regulatory process for the completion of decommissioning of five uranium mill tailing sites and the termination of the associated uranium mill licenses located within the State of Wyoming.

**DATES:** The MOU was issued on September 30, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2018-0236 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- Federal Rulemaking website: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2018-0236. Address questions about dockets in *Regulations.gov* to Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301-287-9127; email: [Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS): You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Document collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, contact the NRC's PDR reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The "Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality to Establish a Process for the Completion of Decommissioning of Five Uranium Mill Tailing Sites and the Termination of the Associated Uranium Mill Licenses Located within the State of