

that were not already assessed in the Multisale EIS. Proposed CPA Lease Sale 194 is the third CPA lease sale scheduled in the Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program: 2002–2007. As a result, MMS determined that a supplemental EIS is not required and prepared a Finding of No New Significant Impact (FONNSI).

Public Comments: Interested parties may submit written comments on this EA/FONNSI within 30 days of this Notice's publication to the Regional Supervisor, Leasing and Environment (MS 5410), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Minerals Management Service, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394. Comments should be enclosed in an envelope labeled "Comments on CPA Lease Sale 194 EA/FONNSI." You may also send comments to the MMS e-mail address: environment@mms.gov. All comments received will be considered in the decisionmaking process for CPA Lease Sale 194.

EA Availability: To obtain a copy of the EA, you may contact the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Attention: Public Information Office (MS 5034), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 114, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394 (1–800–200–GULF). You may also view the EA on the MMS Web site at <http://www.gomr.mms.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Gulf of Mexico, Outer Continental Shelf, Eastern Planning Area, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 197 (2005) Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of an environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for proposed Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Eastern Planning Area (EPA) Lease Sale 197. In this EA, MMS reexamined the potential environmental effects of the proposed action and its alternative based on any new information regarding potential impacts and issues that were not available at the time the Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales 189 and

197; Eastern Planning Area; Final Environmental Impact Statement; Volumes I and II (Multisale EIS) was completed in May 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394, Mr. Dennis Chew, telephone (504) 736–2793.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Multisale EIS analyzed the effects of a typical lease sale by presenting a set of ranges for resource estimates, project exploration and development activities, and impact-producing factors for either of the proposed EPA lease sales. The level of activities projected for proposed Lease Sale 197 falls within these ranges. No new significant impacts were identified for proposed Lease Sale 197 that were not already assessed in the Multisale EIS. Proposed EPA Lease Sale 197 is the second EPA lease sale scheduled in the Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program: 2002–2007. As a result, MMS determined that a supplemental EIS is not required and prepared a Finding of No New Significant Impact (FONNSI).

Public Comments: Interested parties may submit written comments on this EA/FONNSI within 30 days of this Notice's publication to the Regional Supervisor, Leasing and Environment (MS 5410), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Minerals Management Service, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394. Comments should be enclosed in an envelope labeled "Comments on EPA Lease Sale 197 EA/FONNSI." You may also send comments to the MMS e-mail address: environment@mms.gov. All comments received will be considered in the decisionmaking process for EPA Lease Sale 197.

EA Availability: To obtain a copy of the EA, you may contact the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Attention: Public Information Office (MS 5034), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 114, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394 (1–800–200–GULF). You may also view the EA on the MMS Web site at <http://www.gomr.mms.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Notice of Availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 194 in the Central Gulf of Mexico (GOM)

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the proposed notice of sale for proposed sale 194.

SUMMARY: The MMS announces the availability of the proposed Notice of Sale for proposed Sale 194 in the Central GOM OCS. This Notice is published pursuant to 30 CFR 256.29(c) as a matter of information to the public. With regard to oil and gas leasing on the OCS, the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to section 19 of the OCS Lands Act, provides the affected States the opportunity to review the proposed Notice. The proposed Notice sets forth the proposed terms and conditions of the sale, including minimum bids, royalty rates, and rentals.

DATES: Comments on the size, timing, or location of proposed Sale 194 are due from the affected States within 60 days following their receipt of the proposed Notice. The final Notice of Sale will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days prior to the date of bid opening. Bid opening is currently scheduled for March 16, 2005.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed Notice of Sale for Sale 194 and a "Proposed Sale Notice Package" containing information essential to potential bidders may be obtained from the Public Information Unit, Gulf of Mexico Region, Minerals Management Service, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394. Telephone: (504) 736–2519.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Notice of Availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 197 in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico (GOM)

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.