

incidental to and not the purpose of otherwise lawful activities. Our regulations for approving such permit requests are contained in Section 10(a)(2)(B) of the Act.

We have determined that the HCP is a low-effect plan that is categorically excluded from further NEPA analysis and, therefore, does not require the preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement. Low-effect HCPs are those involving: (1) Minor or negligible effects on federally listed or candidate species and their habitats, and (2) minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources. The Applicant's HCP qualifies for the following reasons:

1. Approval of the HCP would result in minor or negligible effects on the red-cockaded woodpecker and its habitat. We do not anticipate significant direct or cumulative effects on this species as a result of this project.

2. Approval of the HCP would not have adverse effects on known geographic, historic, or cultural sites, or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.

3. Approval of the HCP would not result in any significant adverse effects on public health or safety.

4. The project does not require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, nor does it threaten to violate a Federal, State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for protection of the environment.

5. Approval of the HCP would not establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.

We specifically request information, views, and opinions from the public via this Notice on the Federal action. Further, we specifically solicit information regarding the adequacy of the HCP as measured against the Service's ITP issuance criteria found in 50 CFR Parts 13 and 17.

If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of several methods. Please reference permit number TE063814-0 in your comments. You may mail comments to the Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**). You may comment via the internet to aaron_valenta@fws.gov. Please submit comments over the internet as an ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include your name and return address in your e-mail message. If you do not receive a

confirmation from the Service that we have received your e-mail message, contact us directly at either telephone number listed above (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to either Service office listed above (see **ADDRESSES**). Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home addresses from the administrative record. We will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law. There may also be other circumstances in which we would withhold from the administrative record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

We will evaluate the HCP and public comments to determine whether the application meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Act. We will also evaluate whether the issuance of the ITP complies with Section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service Section 7 consultation to ensure that the ITP will not jeopardize the continued existence of this species. We will use the results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings, to determine if the requirements of the ITP are met and whether or not to issue the ITP.

Dated: April 23, 2003.

J. Mitch King,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Policy Committee of the Minerals Management Advisory Board; Notice and Agenda for Meeting

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The OCS Policy Committee of the Minerals Management Advisory Board will meet at the Radisson Hotel Old Town in Alexandria, Virginia.

DATES: Tuesday, May 13, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, May 14, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Radisson Hotel Old Town, 901 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, telephone (703) 683-6000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jeryne Bryant at Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, Mail Stop 4001, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4187. She can be reached by telephone at (703) 787-1211 or by electronic mail at jeryne.bryant@mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OCS Policy Committee represents the collective viewpoint of coastal states, environmental interests, industry, and other parties involved with the OCS Program. It provides policy advice to the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of the MMS on all aspects of leasing, exploration, development, and protection of OCS resources.

The agenda for May 13 will cover the following principal subjects:

World Oil Scenario. This presentation will address the current state of the world's oil supply and demand; how it is affected by the world's political scenario and the barriers in reducing imports.

Gas Imports to Meet the Nation's Energy Demand. This presentation will address proposed liquefied natural gas ports, the Blue Atlantic Transmission System, and proposed regulatory changes.

Geosciences Data and Collections—National Resources in Peril. This presentation will address the National Research Council's report, Geosciences Data and Collections—National Resources in Peril.

States' Vision for the OCS Program. This presentation will address how the states deal with oil and gas and sand and gravel activities, and how MMS activities in the OCS affects the states.

Building Consensus. This presentation will address components of the consensus building process, an executive outline of the report, Moving Beyond Conflict to Consensus, and MMS's current rules

Coastal Zone Management Act. The presentation will discuss the roles of the Department of Commerce and the Department of the Interior, as directed in the National Energy Policy, for promoting energy-related activities in the coastal zone and on the OCS.

U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy. This presentation will provide an update on the draft recommendations of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy.

The agenda for May 14 will cover the following principal subjects:

Education and Outreach. This presentation will address the draft Education and Outreach Subcommittee report.

Hard Minerals Subcommittee Update. This presentation will provide an update on subcommittee activities and other pertinent hard minerals information.

OCS Scientific Committee Update. This presentation will provide an update on the activities of the Scientific Committee. It will also highlight the activities that are related to energy issues/concerns, ocean issues, hard mineral activities, and any other topics that are relevant to both Committees.

Congressional/Legislative Update. This presentation will provide an update on the status of current congressional issues related to the OCS Program.

MMS Environmental Research on Sperm Whales. The presentation will address "Cooperative Research on Sperm Whales and Their Response to Seismic Exploration in the Gulf of Mexico."

National Research Council's North Slope Cumulative Effects Study. This presentation will address the cumulative effects study and its relevance to offshore oil and gas activities.

McCovey Project—Working with the Communities. This presentation will address EnCana's approach to working with the communities on the North Slope for the McCovey Project.

MMS Regional Updates. The Regional Directors will highlight activities off the California and Alaska coasts and the Gulf of Mexico.

The meeting is open to the public. Approximately 100 visitors can be accommodated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Upon request, interested parties may make oral or written presentations to the OCS Policy Committee. Such requests should be made no later than May 9, 2003, to Jeryne Bryant. Requests to make oral statements should be accompanied by a summary of the statement to be made. Please see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section for address and telephone number.

Minutes of the OCS Policy Committee meeting will be available for public inspection and copying at MMS in Herndon, Virginia.

Authority: Federal Advisory Committee Act, P.L. No. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 1, and the Office of Management and Budget's Circular No. A-63, Revised.

Dated: April 28, 2003.

Thomas A. Readinger,
Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Clean Water Act

In accordance with Departmental policy in 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on April 11, 2003, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States of America and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Bradford Sanitary Authority*, Civil Action No. 03-123E, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

In this action, the United States sought injunctive relief and civil penalties against Defendant Bradford Sanitary Authority ("Bradford"). Bradford operates a publicly-owned water treatment works that has discharged pollutants into waters of the United States in violation of Sections 301(a) and 402(a) of the Clean Water Act ("CWA"), 33 U.S.C. 1311(a), 1342(a), and in violation of the terms of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit, issued to Bradford pursuant to Section 402 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. 1342. The Consent Decree requires Bradford to comply with Federal and State clean water standards, pay a \$40,000 civil penalty, and perform a Supplemental Environmental Project that will cost approximately \$60,000.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States v. Bradford Sanitary Authority*, D.J. Ref. # 90-5-1-1-4473. The Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, c/o Robert Eberhardt, Assistant United States Attorney, 7th & Grant Streets Pittsburgh, PA 15219, telephone (412) 644-5891, and at U.S. EPA Region III, c/o Yvette Roundtree, Assistant Regional Counsel, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. During the public comment period, the Consent Decree may be examined on the Department of Justice Web site: <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/open.html>. A copy of the Consent

Decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, or by faxing or e-mailing a request to Tonia Fleetwood (tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov), fax no. (202) 514-0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514-1547. In requesting a copy from the Consent Decree Library, please enclose a check in the amount of \$6.50 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury.

Robert Brook,

Assistant Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

Under 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on April 23, 2003, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Godley Auction Company, Inc.*, Civil Action Number 4-01-4857-23, was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina.

In this action the United States sought, under Section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9607, recovery of response costs incurred by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in connection with responding to the release and threatened release of hazardous substances at the Southern Asbestos Superfund Site in Bennettsville, South Carolina. Under the Consent Decree, Godley will pay \$500,000 plus interest in installments over less than three years. This settlement is based on Godley's ability to pay.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States v. Godley Auction Company, Inc.*, DOJ Ref. #90-11-3-07626.

The Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, 1441 Main Street, Suite 500, Columbia, South Carolina, 29201, and at U.S. EPA Region IV, 61 Forsyth Street,