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Dated: September 6, 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Creston/Blue Gap II Natural Gas Project, Carbon and Sweetwater Counties, WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of correction.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) inadvertently published a draft version of a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Creston/Blue Gap II Natural Gas Project, Carbon and Sweetwater Counties, Wyoming in the **Federal Register** on Thursday, September 8, 2005 (70 FR 53381). The BLM is publishing this correction notice to strike the last sentence. The sentence being removed is "A decision for the Creston/Blue Gap II Natural Gas Project (C/BG2 Project) will not be made nor implemented until after a Record of Decision is issued for the Rawlins RMP revision FEIS". Any such decision will be in accordance with regulatory requirements.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, Eldon Allison, Project Manager, 1300 North Third Street, P.O. Box 2407, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301. Mr. Allison may also be reached by telephone at (307) 328-4291, or by sending an electronic message to: Eldon_Allison@blm.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Conservation Helium Sale

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice implementing fourth conservation helium sale.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this action is to continue implementation of the terms of the Helium Privatization Act (HPA) of 1996 dealing with the disposal of the Conservation Helium Reserve. The HPA requires the Department of the Interior (DOI) to *offer for sale*, beginning no later than 2005, a portion of the Conservation Helium stored underground at the Cliffside Field, north of Amarillo, Texas. The DOI, in consultation with the private helium industry, has determined that private companies, with refining capacity along the crude helium pipeline, will need a supply of helium in excess of that available from their own storage accounts and that available from crude helium extractors in the region. Given the current market, Conservation Helium sold in this sale will cause minimal market disruption. This sale will be conducted in four parts, with one-fourth of the annual sale amount offered each quarter of Fiscal Year 2006.

DATES: Submit bids for the first quarter sale and other documentation as required in Notice on or before November 7, 2005. Bids for the remaining three quarters must be submitted according to the following schedule:

- Second Quarter—December 1, 2005, through December 31, 2005.
- Third Quarter—March 1, 2006, through March 31, 2006.
- Fourth Quarter—June 1, 2006, through June 30, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may submit your bids and other documentation as required in this Notice to the BLM, Amarillo Field Office, 801 S. Fillmore, Suite 500, Amarillo, TX 79101-3545. Attention: Crude Helium Sales Analyst.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Connie H. Neely, (806) 356-1027.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1.01 What Is the Purpose of the Sale?

The purpose of this sale is to continue implementation of the terms of the HPA of 1996 dealing with the disposal of the Conservation Helium Reserve. The HPA requires the DOI to *offer for sale*,

beginning no later than 2005, a portion of the Conservation Helium stored underground at the Cliffside Field, north of Amarillo, Texas. The DOI, in consultation with the private helium industry, has determined that private companies, with refining capacity along the crude helium pipeline, will need a supply of helium in excess of that available from their own storage accounts and that available from crude helium extractors in the region. This is the fourth in a series of sales that the Department will conduct to dispose of the Conservation Helium stored underground at the Cliffside Field. The annual sales are being conducted in a manner intended to prevent pure helium market disruptions from occurring to end users; shortages of crude helium to pure helium refiners; and an oversupply of crude helium on the market for crude helium extractors. Subsequent sales may be adjusted as needed.

1.02 What Terms Do I Need To Know To Understand This Sale?

Allocated Sale—That portion of the annual sale volume of Conservation Helium that will be set aside for purchase by the Crude Helium Refiners.

Annual Conservation Helium Sale—The sale of a certain volume of Conservation Helium to private entities conducted annually beginning no later than 2005.

Bidder—Any entity or person who submits a request for purchase of a volume of the Annual Conservation Helium Sale and has met the qualifications contained in part 1.05 in this Notice.

BLM—The Bureau of Land Management.

Conservation Helium—The crude helium purchased by the U.S. Government under the authority of the Helium Act of 1960 and stored underground in the Cliffside Field.

Crude Helium—A partially refined gas containing about 70 percent helium and 30 percent nitrogen. However, the helium concentration may vary from 50 to 95 percent.

Crude Helium Refiners—Those entities with a capability of refining crude helium and having a connection point on the crude helium pipeline and a valid Helium Storage Contract as of the date of a Conservation Helium Sale.

Excess Volumes—Allocated sale volumes not requested by the Crude Helium Refiners.

Helium Storage Contract—A contract between the BLM and a private entity allowing the private entity to store crude helium in underground storage at the Cliffside Field.