

Burden hours information collected	Number of actions per year	Burden hours per action	Total annual burden hours
(u) 43 CFR subpart 3253; Reports: Exploration Operations	12	8	96
(v) 43 CFR subpart 3256; Exploration Operations Relief and Appeals	10	8	80
(w) 43 CFR subpart 3261; Drilling Operations	12	8	96
(x) 43 CFR subpart 3264; Reports-Drillings Operations/Recordkeeping	12	10	120
(y) 43 CFR subpart 3272; Utilization Plans and Facility Construction Permits	10	10	100
(z) 43 CFR subpart 3273; Site License	10	10	100
(aa) 43 CFR subpart 3274; Commercial Use Permit	10	10	100
(bb) 43 CFR subpart 3276; Reports Utilization Operations	10	10	100
(cc) 43 CFR subpart 3281; Unit Agreements	10	10	100
(dd) 43 CFR subpart 3282; Participating Area	10	10	100
(ee) 43 CFR subpart 3283; Unit Agreement Modifications	10	10	100
Totals	1,447	10,137

Annual Responses: 1,447.
 Application Fee per Response: 0.
 Annual Burden Hours: 10,137

Dated: March 15, 2007.

Ted R. Hudson,

Bureau of Land Management, Acting Division Chief Regulatory Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-310-0777-XG]

Notice of Public Meeting: Northwest California Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Northwest California Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday and Friday, June 7 and 8, 2007, in Fortuna, California. On June 7, the council will convene at 10 a.m. at the River Lodge Meeting Center's "Monday Club," 610 Main St., and depart for a field tour of public lands in the Headwaters Forest Reserve. On June 8, the council convenes at 8 a.m. at the Monday Club. The council will hear public comments at 11 a.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynda Roush, BLM Arcata Field Office manager, (707) 468-4000; or BLM Public Affairs Officer Joseph J. Fontana, (530) 252-5332.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 12-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a

variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Northwest California. At this meeting, agenda topics include a discussion of field office uses of Land and Water Conservation Fund allocations, a discussion of royalty receipts in the BLM geothermal energy program, a review of minerals management and products produced by each field office, an update on the Cow Mountain Management Plan, status report on the BLM Managing for Excellence Initiative, a report on development of the Lack's Creek Management Plan, and an update on the Sacramento River Bend Area of Critical Environmental Concern. All meetings are open to the public. Members of the public may present written comments to the council. Each formal council meeting will have time allocated for public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, and the time available, the time for individual comments may be limited. Members of the public are welcome on field tours, but they must provide their own transportation and lunch. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation and other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided above.

Dated: March 14, 2007.

Joseph J. Fontana,

Public Affairs Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-936-1310-07; HAG-07-0086; WAOR60869]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease WAOR60869; Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188(d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(1), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a petition for reinstatement from Meany Land & Exploration, Inc., for competitive oil and gas lease WAOR60869 for lands in Yakima County, Washington. The petition was filed on time and was accompanied by all the rentals due since the date the lease terminated under the law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donna Kauffman, Land Law Examiner, Minerals Section, BLM Oregon/ Washington State Office, PO Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208, (503) 808-6162.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lessee, Meany Land & Exploration, Inc., has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10.00 per acre or fraction thereof, per year and 16²/₃ percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$163 to reimburse the Bureau of Land Management for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice.

The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188). Therefore, the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease WAOR60869, effective October 1, 2006, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and

the increased rental and royalty rates cited above. No other valid lease has been issued affecting the lands.

Patrick H. Geehan,

Chief, Minerals Section.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Alternative Energy and Alternate Use Program

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Public Hearings.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has prepared a draft programmatic environmental impact statement (EIS) in support of the proposed Alternative Energy and Alternate Use Program and associated rulemaking authorized under Section 388 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and codified as new subsection 8(p) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act. Pursuant to the regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Minerals Management Service (MMS) is announcing the availability of a draft programmatic EIS for the Alternative Energy and Alternate Use (AEAU) Program and Rule. The programmatic EIS analysis focuses on the potential environmental effects of implementing the AEAU program and associated rulemaking and also analyzes alternatives to implementing the AEAU program and rule, including the "no action" alternative.

Authority: This NOA and notice of public hearings is published pursuant to the regulations (40 CFR 1506.6) implementing the provisions of the NEPA of 1969 as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.* (1988)).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 388 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA), granted the Department of the Interior (Department) discretionary authority to issue leases, easements, or rights-of-way for activities on the OCS that produce or support production, transportation, or transmission of energy from sources other than oil and gas, and are not otherwise authorized by other applicable law. The Department delegated this authority to the MMS. Examples of the general types of alternative energy project activities that MMS has the discretion to authorize

include, but are not limited to: wind energy, wave energy, ocean current energy, solar energy, and hydrogen production.

The MMS was also delegated discretionary authority to issue leases, easements, or rights-of-way for other OCS project activities that make alternate use of existing OCS facilities for "energy-related purposes or for other authorized marine-related purposes," to the extent such activities are not otherwise authorized by other applicable law. Such activities may include, but are not limited to: offshore aquaculture, research, education, recreation, and support for offshore operations and facilities.

A new program within MMS is being proposed to oversee these potential activities on the OCS. To satisfy the requirements of the NEPA in the establishment of an AEAU program and rules on the OCS, the MMS prepared a draft programmatic EIS. The proposed action is the implementation of the AEAU program and rules in areas not excluded by Section 388 of the EPA. The programmatic EIS focuses on generic impacts from each industry sector based on global knowledge and identifies key issues that subsequent, site-specific assessments should consider. Projections for industry activities are limited in the EIS to those anticipated to be pursued within the next 5-7 years. The programmatic EIS also addresses AEAU technology testing and site characterization. Subsequent NEPA documents prepared for site-specific AEAU projects may tier to this programmatic EIS and the Record of Decision.

The primary objectives of the programmatic EIS are to analyze and document the potential environmental, social-cultural, and economic considerations associated with the establishment of an OCS AEAU program and rules, including all foreseeable, potential monitoring, testing, construction, commercial development, operations, and decommissioning activities on the OCS. The programmatic EIS process:

- (1) Provides for public input concerning the scope of national issues associated with offshore alternate energy-related use activities;
- (2) Identifies, defines, and assesses generic environmental, socio-cultural, and economic impacts associated with offshore alternate energy-related use activities;
- (3) Evaluates and establishes effective mitigation measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for potential impacts; and

(4) Facilitates future preparation of site-specific NEPA documents; subsequent NEPA documents prepared for site-specific AEAU projects may tier to the Programmatic EIS and Record of Decision.

EIS Availability: To obtain a single, printed or CD-ROM copy of the draft EIS, you may contact the Minerals Management Service, Environmental Assessment Branch Office (MS 4042), 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170. An electronic copy of the draft EIS is available at the MMS's Internet Web site at <http://ocsenergy.anl.gov/>.

Public Hearings: The MMS will hold public hearings to receive comments on the draft EIS. The public hearings are scheduled as follows:

- Monday, April 16, 2007, Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC, 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 24, 2007, Monmouth University, 400 Cedar Avenue, West Long Branch, New Jersey, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 25, 2007, Melville Marriott, 1350 Old Walt Whitman Road, Melville, New York, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, April 26, 2007, Marriott Boston Newton, 2345 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, Massachusetts, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 1, 2007, Houston Airport Marriott, 18700 John F. Kennedy Blvd, Houston, Texas, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 1, 2007, The Presidio, 135 Fisher Loop, San Francisco, California, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 2, 2007, Residence Inn and Courtyard North Harbour, 1250 N. Anchor Way, Portland, Oregon, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 2, 2007, Holiday Inn Miami International Airport, 1111 South Royal Poinciana Blvd, Miami Springs, Florida, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, May 3, 2007, Courtyard by Marriott Charleston, 35 Lockwood Drive, Charleston, South Carolina, 7 p.m.

If you wish to testify at a hearing, you should register one hour prior to the meeting. Written statements submitted at a hearing will be considered part of the hearing record. If you are unable to attend the hearings, you may submit written statements.

Comments: Federal, state, local government agencies, and other interested parties are requested to send their written comments on the draft EIS in one of the following three ways:

1. Electronically using MMS's on-line commenting system at <http://ocsenergy.anl.gov/>. This is the preferred method for commenting.
2. In written form, mailed or delivered to MMS Alternative Energy and