

[CO-070-04-4333-02]

Intent To Amend the Grand Junction Resource Management Plan**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of intent to amend the Grand Junction Resource Area Resource Management Plan, 1987.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management, Grand Junction Resource Area, is proposing to amend the Grand Junction Resource Management Plan, approved in January 1987. The amendment will consider changes that would enhance and build upon existing management in the Ruby Canyon Plan area. The effects of these changes will be analyzed in an environmental assessment (EA). The amendment is being developed in concert with the Ruby Canyon Ecosystem Management Plan, and will consider a proposed Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) designation for the McDonald Creek Cultural Resource Area, and mineral withdrawals at specific locations to protect cultural, paleontological, and recreational resources.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The affected area includes approximately 117,000 acres of public land in western Mesa County between the Colorado National Monument and the Utah state line. Additional amendment items may be identified through the public involvement process. The proposed amendment and EA will be prepared by an interdisciplinary team which will include persons with expertise in outdoor recreation, archaeology, paleontology, wildlife biology, fire ecology, range conservation, realty, and geology.

Public involvement opportunities will include open public workshops to develop portions of the plan. Persons wishing to participate in this process should contact the Bureau of Land Management, Grand Junction Resource Area. Public meeting dates, time, and location will be announced through local media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Lehmann, Lands and Recreation Staff Chief, Grand Junction Resource Area, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506; (303) 244-3021.

Dated: June 22, 1994.
Richard Arcand,
Acting District Manager.
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[UT-040-03-4210-05, UTU-71137]

Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; Utah; Correction

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.
ACTION: Correction.

SUMMARY: In notice document UTU-71137 beginning on page 29817 in the issue of Thursday, June 9, 1994, the lands to be conveyed to Boulder Town under the Recreation and Public Purposes Amendment Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-648) are incorrectly described as T. 33 S., R. 4 E., Sec. 3, Lot 6, containing 9.27 acres. The correct description is T. 34 S., R 4 E., Sec. 3, Lot 6, containing 9.27 acres.

DATES: As a result of and subject to this correction, comments will be accepted on the original proposal on or before August 15, 1994. Comments may be sent to the District Manager, Cedar City District Office, 176 D.L. Sargent Drive, Cedar City, Utah 84720.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director who may vacate or modify this realty action and issue a final determination. In the absence of any adverse comments, this notice will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior on August 29, 1994.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the Escalante Resource Area office by contacting Gregg Christensen, P.O. Box 225, Escalante, Utah 84726 or telephone (801) 826-4291.

Dated: June 23, 1994.
Gordon R. Staker,
District Manager.
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[AZ-930-4210-06; AZA-23060]

Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting, Arizona; Correction

In notice document 94-13582 issued Friday, June 3, 1994, page 28890, column 2, the following correction is required.

In the legal description under T. 12 S., R. 9 E., sec. 31, second line, lot 4 should be changed to read lot 5. The corrected

copy should read " * * * those portions of lots 5 and 8 lying * * * "

June 21, 1994.
Herman L. Kast,
Deputy State Director, Land and Renewable Resources.
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Minerals Management Service (MMS)**Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act**

The proposal for the collection of information listed below has been submitted to OMB for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collections of information may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's Clearance Officer at the telephone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the proposal should be made directly to the Bureau Clearance Officer and to the Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503, telephone (202) 395-7340, with copies to Angela Cummings, Office of Policy and Management Improvement, Mail Stop 4013, Minerals Management Service, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20240.

Title: MMS' Generic Customer Satisfaction Surveys.

Abstract: Annually, thousands of individuals, Indian Allottees and Tribes, State and local government officials, industry, environmental groups, etc. have contact with the Minerals Management Service by mail, telephone or in person. The collections will obtain information for determining the level of satisfaction with the services provided by MMS to these individuals and organizations and to identify any areas where improvements in providing service could be made.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency: On occasion. Annually.

Description of Respondents: Individuals, Indian Allottees and Tribes, State and local governments, businesses and other for-profit organizations, Federal agencies or employees, non-profit institutions, small businesses and organizations.

Estimated Completion Time: .30 hour.

Annual Responses: 17,000.

Annual Burden Hours: 8,500.

Bureau Clearance Officer: Arthur Quintana, (703) 787-1239.

Dated: June 16, 1994.

Lucy R. Querques,

Associate Director for Policy and
Management Improvement.

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Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS) is continuing the evaluation of the safety and environmental management program (SEMP) concept. The SEMP is a safety management system that is intended to reduce the risk and occurrence of accidents and pollution events on offshore oil and gas drilling and production facilities. The MMS believes that development and implementation of SEMP, by individual companies operating Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) drilling and production facilities, promotes safety and environmental protection in the OCS. The MMS encourages all OCS lessees and operators to voluntarily adopt and implement the SEMP concept. The MMS will monitor the implementation of this voluntary program over the next 2 years to determine whether rulemaking is needed to meet the goals of the SEMP concept.

DATES: Comments may be submitted at any time.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may send comments regarding the SEMP concept and this notice to the Chief, Inspection, Compliance and Training Division; Minerals Management Service; Mail Stop 4800; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 22070-4817.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Cook, Chief, Inspection and Enforcement Branch; Mail Stop 4800; Minerals Management Service; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 22070-4817, telephone (703) 787-1591.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MMS inspection program is mandated by the OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1348) to conduct annual onsite inspections at all OCS facilities, as well as periodic unannounced inspections, to ensure compliance with environmental and safety regulations. In 1989, MMS requested that the Marine Board study the inspection program to develop and assess alternative inspection strategies and recommend alternative inspection procedures which will improve operational safety and the effectiveness

of the inspection process. One of the Marine Board report findings was that although the inspection program adhered to the OCS Lands Act inspection requirements, OCS operator compliance with regulations did not equal safety. The Marine Board recommended that MMS develop programs to motivate operators to incorporate safety directly into OCS drilling and production operations.

In the same year, an MMS internal task force also assessed the OCS inspection and enforcement program. The MMS directed the task force to develop measures to (1) enhance the inspection program operations and (2) increase the safety of OCS operations. The task force found that the inspection program was presently effective but may not meet future inspection demands without incorporating innovative alternative inspection strategies. One recommended strategy was to require OCS operators to develop and implement an MMS-approved SEMP to stimulate safety consciousness.

July 1991 Federal Register Notice

On July 2, 1991, MMS published a *Federal Register* Notice (56 FR 30400) that announced its investigation of alternative strategies to promote safety and environmental protection in the OCS. The notice discussed the SEMP concept and outlined key points of a SEMP plan that a lessee/operator should adopt to ensure safety and environmental protection while conducting operations in the OCS, including:

- Management Policy—short policy statement by appropriate management official;
- Organizational Structure—description of responsibilities, authorities, and communications for actions implementing SEMP;
- Policies and Procedures—responsibilities of officials, employees, and contractors necessary to ensure safety and environmental protection;
- Training Program—program to describe and demonstrate safe practice, also a process for ensuring that all personnel, including contractors, are adequately trained;
- Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance Program—program to ensure inspections and tests are performed and equipment is maintained to ensure safe and proper operation;
- Corrective Action—process to correct non-conformance of a SEMP element;
- Accident Prevention and Investigation Program—procedures to address accidents, operational upsets, and

- near misses, including a system to review, analyze, and correct practices;
- Internal Review—process to systematically review and assess the SEMP effectiveness;
- Procurement—policies and procedures to address procurement; and
- Documentation—all policies, procedures, and internal programs to be documented.

The notice also solicited information on the SEMP concept and the efforts necessary to implement a SEMP-like program. The MMS received comments from offshore operators, trade organizations, government entities, consultants, an engineering society, and an environmental organization. Generally, the commenters supported MMS's efforts to enhance safety and environmental protection in the OCS. Some were concerned that SEMP would cross jurisdictional lines and create regulatory conflict and confusion. Many commenters urged MMS to defer publishing SEMP regulations and allow the American Petroleum Institute (API) to develop a voluntary standard that addresses safety and environmental protection.

In November 1991 and January 1992, as a part of the SEMP information gathering process, MMS invited a cross section of operators to give presentations on their safety policies and safety management programs. Those discussions were useful for gaining a better understanding of the overall development of industry safety programs for both large and small operators. Most company presenters were encouraged by the SEMP initiative. Several suggested that MMS wait until the API completed its recommended practice before making a SEMP decision. Some encouraged MMS to set goals for safety rather than promulgate regulations, while others suggested that MMS coordinate SEMP efforts with all other OCS-related agencies to streamline the regulatory environment.

The MMS participated on the API subcommittee that developed "Recommended Practices for Development of a Safety and Environmental Management Program for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Operations and Facilities" (API RP 75), published in May 1993. We believe API RP 75 provides a good foundation for promoting safety and environmental protection in the offshore oil and gas industry. The document generally captures our perception of what SEMP should contain.

The API and Offshore Operators Committee (OOC) conducted three API

RP 75 workshops in 1993, one in New Orleans and two in Houston. The purpose of the workshops was to provide attendees (especially small- and medium-sized independent operators) a better understanding of the purpose of API RP 75 and guidance for its implementation. The MMS participated in all three workshops. Approximately 600 persons attended the three workshops.

The MMS Intentions and Monitoring Plan

The MMS urges all operators to voluntarily implement the principles of SEMP through API RP 75. In addition, MMS will cooperate with the API/OOC SEMP committee (the Committee) in the continuing development of the SEMP concept and will monitor industry's progress towards the implementation of SEMP, while assessing its success.

The Committee, with assistance from MMS, will develop a survey for distribution during 1994 to determine the status of industry's implementation of API RP 75. The Committee may also sponsor a retreat for all OCS operators to consider survey results and report on the progress (and any problems) concerning the implementation of API RP 75. Annually, the Committee will distribute followup surveys to assess the progress of SEMP implementation.

For its part, MMS will postpone rulemaking for the general application of SEMP for OCS facilities. During the next 2 years, MMS will monitor the progress of API RP 75 application by (1) soliciting informal information on the implementation of API RP 75 directly from operators, (2) making general inquiries at offshore facilities to monitor API RP 75 development, and (3) evaluating the results of the Committee's survey. The MMS will also gather data on the need for SEMP on OCS facilities and develop strategies for measuring SEMP application and benefits.

The MMS will examine the progress and success of industry-wide voluntary adoption of API RP 75. From these assessments, MMS will, at the end of 2 years, decide whether to continue to monitor industry progress or to proceed with rulemaking.

Future Options for SEMP

At the completion of the 2-year monitoring program, MMS will determine if voluntary implementation of API RP 75 accomplishes the goals of SEMP. Options for proceeding from that point include: (1) Continuing to encourage voluntary implementation of the program, or (2) establishing a structured regulatory program for all

operations. Other options may also be available, such as (1) only requiring SEMP for specific areas, or (2) requiring SEMP where inspections or safety records reveal less-than-acceptable performance. The MMS will identify other options as well and select one or more options based on monitoring results, industry's safety record, and other factors.

The MMS could also decide to continue monitoring the progress of the voluntary implementation of SEMP. The MMS would monitor industry's approach to safety management and accident rates, while inspectors check for application of SEMP on platforms and facilities.

If voluntary adoption of API RP 75 is deemed unsuccessful, MMS may require all operators to formally develop and implement SEMP. The MMS could incorporate API RP 75 into the regulations, or it could promulgate new SEMP requirements, possibly similar to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's 29 CFR 1910 regulations. The MMS would alter its inspection program accordingly to ensure operators implement SEMP.

The MMS may determine that SEMP is also suited for specialized applications, such as in deep water or the arctic where operational demands are greater. Under this option, a specific SEMP plan would cover all operational activities at a site, including activities not covered by current regulations. For example, a site-specific SEMP plan would address contingency planning, risk analysis, and departures from the regulations, as well as routine operations. This would compel an operator to explain how it would ensure the safety of operations at a specific site. The MMS is currently evaluating the application of the SEMP concept to deep-water development.

Another option MMS may examine requires operators with less-than-acceptable performance to develop and implement SEMP plans. The MMS could evaluate operators based on inspection records and accident data. This regulatory approach focuses on operators needing improvement and does not place additional requirements on operators that consistently operate in a safe manner.

Discussion of these regulatory options should not be considered an indication that MMS is backing away from its commitment to the SEMP concept or faith in API RP 75. The MMS strongly supports voluntary implementation of API RP 75 by all lessees and operators.

Comments

We welcome your comments on MMS's SEMP concept, API RP 75, OCS safety and environmental protection issues in general, implementation strategies, and related matters. Send comments to MMS, Attention: Chief, Inspection, Compliance, and Training Division; Mail Stop 4800; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 22070-4817.

Dated: June 16, 1994.

Tom Fry,

Director, Minerals Management Service.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 701-TA-362 and 731-TA-707-710 (Preliminary)]

Certain Seamless Carbon and Alloy Standard, Line, and Pressure Steel Pipe From Argentina, Brazil, Germany, and Italy

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution and scheduling of preliminary antidumping investigations and a preliminary countervailing duty investigation.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution of a preliminary countervailing duty investigation No. 701-TA-362 (Preliminary) under section 703(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1671b(a)) and of the institution of preliminary antidumping investigations Nos. 731-TA-707, 708, 709, and 710 (Preliminary) under section 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1673b(a)) to determine whether there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured, or is threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports from Italy of certain seamless carbon and alloy standard, line, and pressure steel pipe that are alleged to be subsidized by the Government of Italy and by reason of imports from Argentina, Brazil, Germany, and Italy of certain seamless carbon and alloy standard, line, and pressure steel pipe that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value. Such imports are provided for in subheadings 7304.10.10, 7304.10.50, 7304.31.60, 7304.39.00, 7304.51.50, 7304.59.60, and 7304.59.80 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States. The Commission must complete preliminary