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Notice of Intent

Northeast region States: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York. The Northeast Regional Panel will discuss several topics at this meeting including: Future panel meeting scheduling; activities updates of the ANS Task Force and Invasive Species Council and other groups; roundtable; committee break-out planning sessions and updates; research priorities; New York State highlights; New England rapid assessment progress; New Hampshire outreach pilot program; pet industry panel; and a feature on an aquatic or marine plant or animal species.

Dated: February 23, 2005.

Mamie Parker,

Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Assistant Director—Fisheries & Habitat Conservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species. The meeting topics are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species will meet from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2005 and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 1, 2005. Minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

ADDRESSES: The Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species meeting will be held at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Chesapeake Bay Field Office, 177 Admiral Cochrane Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401. Phone (410) 573-4517. Minutes of the meeting will be maintained in the office of Chief, Division of Environmental Quality, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Suite 322, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Greiner, Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species Interim Chair at (410) 267-5783 or Pam Meacham,

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, at (703) 358-1796.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces meetings of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990. The Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species was established by the ANS Task Force in 2003. The Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species, comprised of representatives from Federal, State, local agencies and from private environmental and commercial interests, performs the following activities:

- a. Identifies priorities for activities in the Mid-Atlantic region,
- b. Develops and submits recommendations to the national Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force,
- c. Coordinates aquatic nuisance species program activities in the Mid-Atlantic region,
- d. Advises public and private interests on control efforts, and
- e. Submits an annual report to the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force.

The purpose of the Panel is to advise and make recommendations to the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force on issues relating to the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States that includes nine Mid-Atlantic States: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. The Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species will discuss several topics at this meeting including: An overview of the ANS Task Force and Regional Panels; ANS Task Force Outreach and Education programs; priority ANS species in North Carolina and the Chesapeake and Delaware Bay watersheds; regional projects; organization, operations and budget of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Panel; work plan development; and the formation of work groups.

Dated: March 3, 2005.

Everett Wilson,

Acting Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Assistant Director—Fisheries & Habitat Conservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Amendments to Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Desert Rock Energy Project, San Juan County, NM

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is amending its Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Desert Rock Energy Project, San Juan County, New Mexico, published in the **Federal Register** on November 10, 2004 (69 FR 65215), which described the proposed action. The amendments: (1) Add the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as cooperating agencies; (2) include the mining of up to six million more tons of coal per year from the BHP Navajo Coal Company lease area and delivery of that coal to the proposed power plant, plus the issuance of permits required under the Clean Water Act by the Army Corps of Engineers and/or the EPA, for analysis in the EIS; (3) announce five more public scoping meetings to identify potential issues and alternatives for inclusion in the EIS; and (4) extend the period for public comment on scoping for the EIS.

DATES: Written comments addressing issues or alternatives to be considered in the EIS or other information bearing on the EIS must arrive by April 11, 2005. The additional public scoping meetings will be held March 28, 29 (2 meetings), 30, and 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may mail or hand carry written comments to Eloise Chicharello, Director, Navajo Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, PO Box 1060, Gallup, New Mexico 87305.

The addresses and times for the public scoping meetings are:

1. March 28, 2005—Cortez Middle School Cafeteria, 450 West 2nd Street, Cortez, Colorado, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
2. March 29, 2005—Sanostee Chapter House, Highway 491, Navajo Nation, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Burnham Chapter House, Navajo Nation, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
3. March 30, 2005—Auxiliary Gymnasium, Shiprock High School, Highway 64 West, Shiprock, New Mexico, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
4. March 31, 2005—Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Silver & Turquoise

Room, 2401 12 Street NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

An EPA representative will be present at the Albuquerque public meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Loretta A.W. Tsosie, (505) 863-8296, or Richard Knox, (602) 861-7428.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sithe Global Power, LLC, a privately held, independent power company, and Diné Power Authority, an enterprise of the Navajo Nation established by the Navajo Nation Council to promote the development of energy resources, have entered into a joint agreement to develop a coal-fired electric power-generating plant on a 600-acre site approximately 30 miles southwest of Farmington, New Mexico. Coal to support the long-term production of electricity may be mined from the adjacent BHP Navajo Coal Company lease area, hence the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement would approve any necessary permits for the existing lessee to mine additional areas of the coal lease and construct a coal-handling facility for delivery of coal to the proposed electric power-generating plant.

Resources and issues so far identified for analysis in the EIS include air, geology, soils, water, vegetation, wildlife, special status species, land use, access, visual resources, noise, social and economic conditions, environmental justice, hazardous materials, and cultural and paleontological resources. Analyses will address requirements of the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability

Act, Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, and others, as needed. Alternatives to be analyzed include, at a minimum, the proposed action and no action. The range of issues and alternatives to be addressed may be expanded based on comments received during the scoping process.

Public Comment Availability

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the mailing address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section, during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Authority

This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual

(516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: February 23, 2005.

Michael D. Olsen,
Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Public Notice

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 36 CFR 51.23, public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to extend the following expiring concession contracts for a period of up to one year, or until such time as a new contract is executed, whichever occurs sooner.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All of the listed concession authorizations will expire by their terms on or before December 31, 2004. The National Park Service has determined that the proposed short-term extensions are necessary in order to avoid interruption of visitor services and has taken all reasonable and appropriate steps to consider alternatives to avoid such interruption. These extensions will allow the National Park Service to complete and issue prospectuses leading to the competitive selection of concessioners for new long-term concession contracts covering these operations.

Concid ID number	Concessioner name	Park
BOST002-88	Boston Concessions	Boston NHP.
GATE019-01	Dover Gourmet	Gateway NRA.
SHEN001-85	ARAMARK	Shenandoah NP.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 2, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jo A. Pendry, Concession Program Manager, National Park Service, Washington, DC 20240, Telephone (202) 513-7156.

Dated: December 17, 2004.

Alfred J. Poole, III,

Acting Associate Director, Administration Business Practices and Workforce Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the First Ladies National Historic Site, Ohio; Correction

AGENCY: National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the draft general management plan and draft environmental impact statement for the First Ladies National Historic Site, Ohio; correction.

SUMMARY: In the December 28, 2004, **Federal Register**, the National Park Service (NPS) announced the availability of the draft general management plan and environmental impact statement (GMP/EIS) for the First Ladies National Historic Site (the park). Due to unanticipated delays, the document will not be available until April 25, 2005.

Correction: The draft GMP/EIS will be made available for public review for 60 days following the publishing of the notice of availability in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for
the Proposed Desert Rock Energy Project, San Juan County, NM

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian
Affairs (BIA), in cooperation with the Navajo Nation, intends to gather
the information necessary for preparing an Environmental Impact
Statement (EIS) for the proposed approval of a lease to **Sithe Global**

Power, LLC, to construct, operate and maintain a coal-fired, electric **power**-generating plant on approximately 600 acres of land held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the Navajo Nation in San Juan County, New Mexico. The purpose of the proposed action is to help meet the economic development needs of the Navajo Nation and the growing energy needs of the western United States. This notice also announces public scoping meetings to identify potential issues and content for inclusion in the EIS.

DATES: Written comments on the scope of the EIS or implementation of the proposal must arrive by December 17, 2004. The public scoping meetings will be held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, December 6, 7, 8, and 9, 2004, starting at 6:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: You may mail or hand carry written comments to Eloise Chicharello, Director, Navajo Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, PO Box 1060, Gallup, New Mexico 87305.

The addresses for the public scoping meetings are as follows:

December 6, 2004--Central High School Cafeteria, 4525 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona.

December 7, 2004--Farmington Civic Center, Exhibit Hall One, 20 West Arrington, Farmington, New Mexico.

December 8, 2004--Western New Mexico University, 2055 State Road 602, Gallup, New Mexico.

December 9, 2004--Flagstaff High School, 400 West Elm Street, Flagstaff, Arizona.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Loretta A.W. Tsosie, (505) 863-8296.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: **Sithe Global Power**, LLC, a privately held, independent **power** company, and Din[acute] **Power** Authority, an enterprise of the Navajo Nation established by the Navajo Nation Council to promote the development of energy resources, have entered into a joint agreement to support the development of a coal-fired electric **power**-generating plant capable of producing as much as 1,500-megawatt (MW), and associated facilities, to be operated by **Sithe Global**.

The proposed 600-acre site for the project is located approximately 30 miles southwest of Farmington, New Mexico, adjacent to the Navajo Mine, which would provide the low-sulfur coal to generate the **power**. The primary components of the proposed project include two 750-MW coal-fired units that, together, would generate as much as 1,500 MW; and associated facilities and operations, including a plant cooling system, a fuel supply system, waste management operations, safety systems (e.g., lighting, fire protection), water system infrastructure, transportation access roads, **power** transmission interconnection facilities, and construction staging areas.

The proposed project would interconnect with the existing 500-kV transmission system operated by Arizona Public Service through the construction of approximately 25 miles of new transmission line to either the existing Four Corners Substation or a new substation that would be constructed just west of the Four Corners **Power** Plant. The project proposes to use existing utility corridors and roads for the majority of the interconnect system, but some new utility corridors and

roads may need to be built. The project design incorporates appropriate measures to minimize the effects of the proposed project on the quality of the environment.

The purpose of and need for the proposed project is to generate and distribute electricity in western United States markets using capacity on existing and proposed transmission lines to:

(1) Improve and enhance the existing electrical **power** system in the West and deliver competitively priced **power** to these markets;

(2) Generate electricity from a low-sulfur coal source that would reduce electrical output demands on natural gas and older coal-fired units; and

(3) Support the Navajo Nation's objective for economic development in the region by providing employment and revenue generated by the proposed project.

The scoping process for the EIS will include: (1) Identification of issues; (2) identification of sensitive or critical environmental effects; (3) identification of reasonable alternatives; and (4) coordinating with the Navajo Nation Council, governmental and non-governmental agencies and the public. Written comments should address: (1) Issues to be considered; (2) reasonable and feasible alternatives; or (3) information bearing on the EIS.

Resources so far identified for analysis in the EIS include air, geology, soils, water, vegetation, wildlife, special status species, land use, access, visual resources, noise, social and economic conditions, environmental justice, hazardous materials, and cultural and paleontological resources. Analyses will address requirements of the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, Endangered Species Act, National

Historic Preservation Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act and others, as needed. Alternatives to be analyzed include, at a minimum, the proposed action and no action. The range of issues and alternatives to be addressed may be expanded based on comments received during the scoping process.

Public Comment Availability

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the mailing address shown in the ADDRESSES section, during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act,

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you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Authority

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Dated: May 3, 2004.

David W. Anderson,

Assistant Secretary--Indian Affairs.

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