

the Governors for their comments on the size, timing, and location of the proposed sale. The tentative schedule for the steps in the prelease decision process for Sale 175 is listed below: Comments due to MMS, May 31, 1999; EA/FONNSI or Supplemental EIS, October 1999; Proposed Notice of Sale sent to Governors, October 1999; Consistency Determinations sent to States, October 1999; Final Notice of Sale in **Federal Register**, February 2000; Sale, March 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, Mr. George Hampton, telephone (504) 736-2465).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Environmental Documents Prepared for Proposed Oil and Gas Operations on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of the availability of environmental documents prepared for

OCS Mineral Proposals on the Gulf of Mexico OCS.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS), in accordance with Federal Regulations (40 CFR Section 1501.4 and Section 1506.6) that implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), announces the availability of NEPA-related Site-Specific Environmental Assessments (SEA's) and Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI's), prepared by the MMS for the following oil and gas activities proposed on the Gulf of Mexico OCS. This listing includes all proposals for which the FONSI's were prepared by the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region in the period subsequent to publication of the preceding notice.

| Activity/operator | Location | Date |
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| William's Gas Pipeline—Transco, G&G Activity, SEA No. M99-3 | Pensacola Area, offshore the Florida coast | 03/23/99 |
| Fugro Geoservices, Inc., Remote Sensing Activity, SEA No. M99-2. | Mobile Bay Area, and from Alabama to Tampa, Florida, offshore the Alabama and Florida coast. | 03/19/99 |
| Exxon Pipeline Company, Pipeline Activity, SEA No. G-20551 .. | Alaminos Canyon Area, Block 25, to Brazos Area, Block 341, Lease OCS-G 20551, 137 miles southeast of Matagorda County, Texas. | 02/08/99 |
| Murphy Exploration & Production Company, Exploration Activity, SEA Nos. N-6081 and S-4938. | High Island Area, East Addition, South Extension, Block A-383, Lease OCS-G 17220, 110 miles south of the Texas coast. | 04/02/99 |
| British-Borneo Exploration, Inc., Development Activity, SEA No. N-6222UA. | Green Canyon Area, Blocks 254 and 298, Leases OCS-G 7049 and 8010, 90 miles south of Lafourche Parish, Louisiana. | 02/03/99 |
| Shell Deepwater Development, Inc., Development Activity, SEA No. N-6230UA. | Mississippi Canyon Area, Blocks 809, 853, 810, and 854; Leases OCS-G 5868, 5871, 9873, and 9883; 56 miles south of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. | 12/16/98 |
| Conoco, Inc., Exploration Activity, SEA No. N-6277 | Green Canyon Area Block 819, Lease OCS-G 16804, 133 miles south of the shoreline of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana. | 11/19/98 |
| Union Oil Company of California, Exploration Activity, SEA No. N-6297. | Mobile Area, Block 826, Lease OCS-G 19800, 4 miles south of Baldwin County, Alabama. | 03/12/99 |
| Tri-Union Development Corporation, Development Activity, SEA No. N-6325. | High Island Area, East Addition, Block A-253, Lease OCS-G 14186, 70 miles south of the Texas coast. | 01/06/99 |
| Oryx Energy Company, Development Activity, SEA No. S-4589U. | Viosca Knoll Area, Block 825, Lease OCS-G 5778, 58 miles south of the Mississippi coast. | 07/22/98 |
| Oryx Energy Company, Development Activity and Pipeline Activity, SEA Nos. S-4749UA and P-12098. | High Island Area, East Addition, South Extension, Blocks A-378 and A-379, Leases OCS-G 13807 and 13808, 110 miles south of the Texas coast. | 02/03/99 |
| Chevron U.S.A., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-01S. | South Timbalier Area, Block 135, Lease OCS 0472, 30 miles south of Lafourche Parish, Louisiana. | 02/26/99 |
| Ocean Energy, Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-005. | Eugene Island Area, Block 243, Lease OCS-G 2899, 36 miles south of Vermilion Parish, Louisiana. | 01/29/99 |
| Ocean Energy Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-006. | Eugene Island Area, Block 245, Lease OCS-G 12922, 36 miles south of Vermilion Parish, Louisiana. | 01/29/99 |
| Energy Resource Technology, Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-007. | High Island Area, Block 199, Lease OCS-G 3747, 31 miles southeast of Galveston County, Texas. | 03/03/99 |
| Taylor Energy Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-008. | South Marsh Island Area, Block 51, Lease OCS 0789, 51 miles southwest of Terrebonne, Louisiana. | 01/29/99 |
| Forest Oil Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-009. | High Island Area, Block 115, Lease OCS-G 6155, 25 miles south of Jefferson County, Texas. | 01/15/99 |
| Sonat Exploration Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 99-012 through 99-014. | Sabine Pass Area, Block 9, Lease OCS-G 4146, 9 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana. | 02/18/99 |
| W&T Offshore, Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-015. | Main Pass Area, Block 234, Lease OCS-G 12100, 33 miles east of Venice, Louisiana. | 02/24/99 |
| Samedan Oil Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-016. | High Island Area, Block A-417, Lease OCS-G 9114, 79 miles south of Galveston County, Texas. | 03/04/99 |
| Samedan Oil Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 99-017 through 99-020. | High Island Area, Block 105, Lease OCS-G 4076, 12 miles southeast of Galveston County, Texas. | 03/04/99 |
| Samedan Oil Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 99-021 and 99-022. | West Delta Area, Blocks 18 and 20, Leases OCS-G 5669 and 7789, 10 miles south of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. | 03/10/99 |
| Newfield Exploration Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-023. | West Cameron Area, Block 609, Lease OCS-G 2850, 93 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana. | 03/11/99 |

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| Texaco Exploration & Production Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 99-024 and 99-025. | Eugene Island Area, Block 315, Lease OCS-G 2608, 74 miles south of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana. | 03/12/99 |
| Coastal Oil and Gas Corporations, Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 99-026 and 99-027. | High Island Area, Blocks A-245 and A-518, Leases OCS-G 13334 and 11389, 79 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana. | 03/12/99 |
| Seneca Resources Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-028. | West Cameron Area, Block 293, Lease OCS-G 4398, 29 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana. | 03/24/99 |
| PennzEnergy Exploration and Production Company, L.L.C., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-030. | South Marsh Island Area, Block 23, Lease OCS-G 0778, 38 miles southwest of Terrebonne Parish Louisiana. | 04/01/99 |
| Seneca Resources Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-031. | Brazos Area, Block 375, Lease OCS-G 9010, 10 miles southeast of Matagorda County, Texas. | 04/08/99 |
| Chevron U.S.A., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-032. | Bay Marchand Area, Block 3, Lease OCS-G 0370, 8 miles south of Lafourche Parish, Louisiana. | 04/09/99 |
| BP Amoco, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-033. | Vermilion Area, Block 359, Lease OCS-G 5446, 92 miles south of Vermilion Parish, Louisiana. | 04/13/99 |
| Forcenergy Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-034. | Main Pass Area, Block 98, Lease OCS-G 5694, 19 miles east of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. | 04/14/99 |
| IP Petroleum Company, Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-035. | High Island Area, Block 37, Lease OCS-G 15769, 12 miles south of Jefferson County, Texas. | 04/08/99 |

Persons interested in reviewing environmental documents for the proposals listed above or obtaining information about EA's and FONSI's prepared for activities on the Gulf of Mexico OCS are encouraged to contact the MMS office in the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Public Information Unit, Information Services Section, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Minerals Management Service, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, Telephone (504) 736-2519.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MMS prepares EA's and FONSI's for proposals which relate to exploration for and the development/production of oil and gas resources on the Gulf of Mexico OCS. The EA's examine the potential environmental effects of activities described in the proposals and present MMS conclusions regarding the significance of those effects. Environmental Assessments are used as a basis for determining whether or not approval of the proposals constitutes major Federal actions that significantly affect the quality of the human environment in the sense of NEPA Section 102(2)(C). A FONSI is prepared in those instances where the MMS finds that approval will not result in significant effects on the quality of the human environment. The FONSI briefly presents the basis for that finding and includes a summary or copy of the EA.

This notice constitutes the public notice of availability of environmental documents required under the NEPA Regulations.

Dated: April 23, 1999.

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Regional Director, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment Pertaining to a Request by the City of New Orleans to the Secretary of the Interior for Approval To Relocate the Place de France, the Jeanne d'Arc Statue and Two Bronze Cannons Within the City of New Orleans

SUMMARY: Due to the construction adjacent to the Place de France, the City, Mayor Marc H. Morial, has requested the Secretary of the Interior to approve relocation of the Place de France (also known as the Joan of Arc Plaza), a statue of Jeanne d'Arc and two bronze cannons from the current location in the median between the International Trade Mart buildings and the former Rivergate to the Decatur/North Peters Street Triangle in the Vieux Carre (the French Quarter), a National Historic Landmark District. Using a grant received under the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970, Pub. L. 91-609, the City developed the Place de France as a park for the statue and two bronze cannons donated to the City by the French Government. This law provides that "no open-space land involving historic or architectural purposes for which assistance has been granted under this title shall be converted to use for any other purposes without the prior approval of the Secretary of the Interior." In *Louisiana Landmarks*

Society, Inc. v. City of New Orleans, No. 94-3880 (E.D. La. 1995) the court reiterated the necessity for prior approval of the Secretary, but provided no standard by which to evaluate the historic purposes of the Place de France. The court, however, found that the term "historic" is not limited to property listed on, or eligible for listing on, the National Register of Historic Places pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

DATES: Comments on this Environmental Assessment will be received on or before June 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed to: Regional Director, Southeast Region, National Park Service, Atlanta Federal Center, 1924 Building, 100 Alabama Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, this Environmental Assessment is intended to identify and analyze the potential environmental effects of the proposed action, which is the approval by the Secretary of the proposed conversion and relocation of the Place de France, together with statue and cannons as proposed by the City of New Orleans. Concurrent with this NEPA process, the Department of the Interior has also initiated the Section 106 compliance process of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and 36 CFR 800, Protection of Historic Properties.

Dated: April 22, 1999.

Charlie Powell,

Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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