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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Paul Hart, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Wenatchee National Forest, P.O. Box 811, Wenatchee, Washington. 98807, 509-662-4335.

Dated: August 1, 1995.

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## CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

### Hearing on Racial and Ethnic Tensions in American Communities: Poverty, Inequality, and Discrimination-Miami

**AGENCY:** Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Notice of hearing.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of the Civil Rights Commission Amendments of 1994, section 3, Public Law 103-419, 108 Stat. 4338, as amended, and 45 CFR 702.3, that a public hearing of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will commence on Thursday, September 14 and 15, 1995, beginning at 8:00 a.m., in the Sandringham/Windsor Conference Room of the Intercontinental Hotel, 100 Chopin Plaza, Miami, Florida 33131.

The purpose of the hearing is to collect information within the jurisdiction of the Commission, under 45 CFR 702.2, related particularly to immigration practices, policies, and perceptions in Miami in order to examine underlying causes of racial and ethnic tensions in the United States.

The Commission is authorized to hold hearings and to issue subpoenas for the production of documents and the attendance of witnesses pursuant to 45 CFR 701.2(c). The Commission is an independent bipartisan, factfinding agency authorized to study, collect, and disseminate information, and to appraise the laws and policies of the Federal Government, and to study and collect information with respect to discrimination or denials of equal protection of the laws under the Constitution because of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin, or in the administration of justice.

Hearing impaired persons who will attend the hearing and require the services of a sign language interpreter,

should contact Betty Edmiston, Administrative Services and Clearinghouse Division, at (202) 376-8105 (TDD (202) 376-8116), at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the hearing.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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Dated: August 8, 1995.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Coastal Zone Management: Federal Consistency Appeal by Mobil Exploration & Producing U.S. Inc. From an Objection by the State of Florida

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of decision.

On June 20, 1995, the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) issued a decision in the consistency appeal of Mobil Exploration & Producing U.S. Inc. (Mobil). Mobil is the operator of Outer Continental Leases OCS-G 10401, 10406, 10407, 10411, and 10412. The lease area, described as Pensacola Area Blocks 845, 846, 889, 890, 933 and 934 (Pensacola Blocks), is located in the northeast Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf, approximately 10-20 miles from Pensacola, Florida, and approximately 64 miles south-southeast of Theodore, Alabama. The Secretary decided to override the State of Florida's (State) objections to Mobil's Supplemental Plan of Exploration (SPOE).

In 1989, Mobil submitted a proposed Plan of Exploration (POE) to the Minerals Management Service of the Department of the Interior (MMS) together with a certification that the proposed POE was consistent with the State's federally approved Coastal Management Program (CMP), as required under the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), 16 U.S.C. 1451 *et seq.* Mobil proposed drilling six exploratory wells to evaluate the hydrocarbon potential of the Pensacola Area Blocks. MMS approved Mobil's POE and the State concurred with Mobil's consistency certification on April 17, 1990.

Subsequently, on September 6, 1991, Mobil submitted to the MMS a proposed SPOE to drill one additional exploratory

well at Pensacola Block 889. The well site is located approximately 74 miles from Theodore, Alabama, and 13.5 miles from Pensacola, Florida. MMS approved Mobil's SPOE subject to the State's review under the CZMA.

The State objected to Mobil's SPOE, finding the proposal for drilling the additional exploratory well is inconsistent with the State's policies of protecting its marine and coastal resources. Under section 307(c)(3)(B) of the CZMA, and 15 CFR 930.121 and 930.122, the State's objections preclude MMS from issuing a permit or license for Mobil's proposed activity, unless the Secretary finds that the activity is either consistent with the objectives or purposes of the CZMA (Ground I) or necessary in the interest of national security (Ground II). If the requirements of either Ground I or Ground II are met, the Secretary must override the State's objections.

In accordance with section 307(c)(3)(B) of the CZMA, Mobil filed an appeal with the Secretary arguing both Grounds I and II for a Secretarial override. Additionally, three threshold issues were raised by Mobil and the State during the course of the appeal. Upon consideration of the information submitted by Mobil, the State and interested Federal agencies, the Secretary made the findings discussed below.

Regarding the Secretary's findings on the three threshold issues, the decision determined that the State's objections were properly lodged, the Secretary will necessarily determine the adequacy of information for an override rather than summarily dismiss consistency appeals, and the activity before the Secretary on review in this appeal is the one additional exploratory well proposed in Mobil's SPOE.

The Secretary made the following findings with regard to Ground I: Mobil's proposed SPOE activity satisfies the first element of Ground I, because it furthers one of the objectives or purposes of the CZMA. The CZMA recognizes a national objective in achieving a greater degree of energy self-sufficiency. The proposed activity satisfies the second element of Ground I, since the adverse effects of the additional proposed exploratory well on the State's coastal resources and uses will not outweigh the benefit to the national interest.

Mobil's proposed SPOE also satisfies the third element of Ground I, because the activity will not violate the Clean Air Act or the Clean Water Act. Finally, Mobil's proposed SPOE satisfies the fourth element of Ground I, because there is no reasonable alternative