DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Energy Policy Act of 2005, Section 1813, Draft Report to Congress

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Publication of Draft Report to Congress.

SUMMARY: Section 1813 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109–58) requires the Department of the Interior and the Department of Energy (Departments) to jointly conduct a study of issues related to energy rights-of-way (ROWs) on tribal lands. The Act further directs the Departments to submit a report to Congress on the findings of the study. The Draft Report to Congress is available for review on the Section 1813 Web site (*http://1813.anl.gov*).

The Departments will hold several meetings to receive comments and suggestions on the Draft Report to Congress. Meeting locations and schedules have not been finalized; details will be provided on the Section 1813 Web site (*http://1813.anl.gov*).

DATES: Comments and suggestions on the Draft Report to Congress will be accepted through September 1, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

Mail, personal, or messenger delivery: Attention: Section 1813 ROW Study, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, Room 20—South Interior Building, 1951 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20245.

E-mail: IEED@bia.edu (please include the phrase ''Section 1813 Comments'' in the subject line).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Darryl Francois (DOI Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development) at (202) 219–0740, or Rollie Wilson (DOE Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability) at (202) 586–3946. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877-8339, to contact the above individuals during business hours. FIRS is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

Commenting on the Draft Report to Congress

Written comments or suggestions should:

- Be specific and substantive;
- Explain the reasoning behind your comments and suggestions; and
- Where possible, reference the specific section or paragraph you are addressing.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address listed under ''**ADDRESSES**: *Mail, personal, or messenger delivery*'' during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality, which will be honored to the extent allowable by law. Those wishing to withhold their name or address (except for the city or town) must state this prominently at the beginning of their comment. 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.

II. Background

Section 1813 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109–58) requires the Department of the Interior and the Department of Energy (Departments) to jointly conduct a study of issues regarding grants, expansions, and renewals of energy rights-of-way (ROWs) on tribal lands. The Act further directs the Departments to submit a report to Congress on the findings of the study, including:

(1) An analysis of historic rates of compensation paid for energy ROWs on tribal land;

(2) Recommendations for appropriate standards and procedures for determining fair and appropriate compensation to Indian tribes for grants, expansions, and renewals of energy ROWs on tribal land;

(3) An assessment of the tribal self-determination and sovereignty interests implicated by applications for the grant, expansion, or renewal of energy ROWs on tribal land; and

(4) An analysis of relevant national energy transportation policies relating to grants, expansions, and renewals of energy ROWs on tribal land.

The Draft Report to Congress is available for review on the Section 1813 Web site (*http://1813.anl.gov*).

III. Description of Planned Meetings

The Departments will hold several public meetings and tribal consultation meetings to receive comments and suggestions on the Draft Report to Congress. The meetings are scheduled as follows:

August 24, 2006: Sheraton Denver West, 360 Union Boulevard, Lakewood, CO.

August 25, 2006: Radisson Salt Lake City Downtown, 215 West South Temple, Salt Lake City, UT.

August 28, 2006: Morongo Casino, Resort and Spa Hotel, 49750 Seminole Drive, Cabazon, CA.

August 30, 2006: Carlisle Hotel and Conference Center, 2500 Carlisle Boulevard NE, Albuquerque, NM.

Meetings will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The meeting in Denver/Lakewood, CO will be an all-day public meeting open to all stakeholders. The meetings in Salt Lake City, UT; Cabazon, CA; and Albuquerque, NM will consist of short one-or two-hour public meetings followed by government-to-government meetings. These government-to-government meetings will allow for consultation between tribal representatives and Federal officials, as called for in the Act, and in Executive Order No. 13175, [65 FR 67429 (Nov. 9, 2000)], ''Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments.''

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Emergency Closure and Segregation of Federal Lands in Amador, Placer, Nevada and Tuolumne Counties, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Emergency closure and segregation of six abandoned mine land sites in California.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that all BLM-administered public lands at the Pond, Poore, Gold Run, Poison Lake, Davis and Longfellow abandoned mine land (AML) sites located in Amador, Placer, Nevada and Tuolumne Counties, California are closed to all forms of entry by the public, including mineral entry under the 1872 Mining Law. This closure is necessary to protect the public from hazards associated with these sites and to enable the remediation of the sites pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). Sampling of water and sediment at these sites indicates substantial amounts of mercury and/or arsenic are present in sluice tunnel floor sediments and in mill tailings. Shafts