

would reduce the volume of water containing constituents of concern that could potentially affect the quality of area groundwater and surface water and prevent the release of excessive selenium. Alternatives 1A and 1B would incorporate a layer of impermeable material called a laminated geosynthetic clay liner, or GCLL. The GCLL cover system would be comprised of the following materials (from surface to base):

- 18 inches of topsoil;
- 1 foot of weathered alluvium cover material;
- 6 inches of drainage/protective layer material;
- GCLL;
- 6 inches of a protective sub-grade layer (weathered alluvium or other earthen material); and

- Run of mine (ROM) overburden.

The GCLL includes a thin layer of powdered clay sandwiched between two geotextile layers. A geotextile is a sheet of material that is resistant to penetration damage. The top geotextile layer is laminated with a polyethylene geomembrane layer, providing an additional layer of protection.

Alternative 1A would cover all backfilled pits with the GCLL cover as well as 86 acres of the EOP and would cover the remaining areas with the Simple 1 cover, while Alternative 1B would cover all backfilled pits and the entire 141 acre EOP with the GCLL. While Alternatives 1A and 1B primarily address water quality issues, additional alternatives address other issues and are also considered in the Final EIS.

The Proposed Action and Alternatives 1A and 1B include a lease modification to Phosphate Lease I-05613. The amended lease modification areas occur in 4 separate parcels located on private and BLM surface. The lease modification allows for extending proposed mine facilities from the original lease areas into an additional 300 acres.

A Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare this EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on February 3, 2006. Publication of the NOI in the **Federal Register** initiated a 56-day public scoping period for the Proposed Action that provided for acceptance of written comments. The scoping process identified concerns that included potential effects of the project on water resources; socioeconomic conditions; livestock grazing; reclamation and restoration; wildlife and vegetation; soils; threatened, endangered, and sensitive species; air quality; aesthetics; land use; visual resources; hazardous and solid wastes; tribal interests and cumulative effects.

The Notice of Availability for the Draft EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on August 14, 2009. A 45-day comment period on the Draft EIS was extended by 30 days, extending the comment period to November 2, 2009. Agencies, organizations, and interested parties provided comments on the Draft EIS via mail, email, and public meetings. Comments also came in the form of postcards, form letters, and comment forms. A total of 6,994 comments were received. The majority, approximately 80 percent of the comments, expressed support for the project. Comments expressing concerns about the Draft EIS largely focused on surface and groundwater quality issues and the proximity of the mine to the Blackfoot River. In developing responses to these comments, additional mitigation measures have been added to Alternatives 1A and 1B. Alternative 1A is the Agency Preferred Alternative. Primary mitigation features added to Alternatives 1A and 1B in the Final EIS include:

- GCLL coverage over the East Overburden Pile (EOP) has been expanded from 21 acres to 86 acres for Alternative 1A and the northern portion of the EOP will be constructed of limestone instead of chert. GCLL coverage over the entire 141-acre EOP for Alternative 1B remains unchanged from the Draft EIS.

- An Overburden Seepage Management System (OSMS) has been proposed as an addition protective measure for Alternatives 1A and 1B that would use a network of perforated pipes constructed underneath the external overburden piles for additional protection against unanticipated leakage events and during construction of the EOP. and

- An Adaptive Management Plan for the water management system has been developed that would result in placement of dredged or fill material in areas currently containing wetlands and non-wetland waters of the U.S. only as necessary to manage runoff water.

It is currently expected that P4's existing South Rasmussen Mine will be depleted sometime in 2012. Because of operating requirements at the Soda Springs processing plant, it is necessary to bring Blackfoot Bridge Mine online in 2011. In the initial years of Blackfoot Bridge mining, a blend of ores from both South Rasmussen Mine and Blackfoot Bridge Mine would be required.

**Authority:** Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended.

**Joe Kraayenbrink,**

*BLM Idaho Falls District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Meeting of the California Desert District Advisory Council

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Public Laws 92-463 and 94-579, that the California Desert District Advisory Council to the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, will meet in formal session on Saturday, March 26, 2011, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, 12603 Mariposa Road, Victorville, CA 92395. There will be no field trip on Friday, March 25. On that date, the Council will hold an internal business meeting on administrative matters.

Agenda topics for the Saturday meeting will include updates by Council members and reports from the BLM District Manager and five field office managers. In addition, the agenda may include updates on California Independent System Operator, the 29 Palms Marine Corps Air-to-Ground Combat Center proposed expansion, abandoned mine lands, special recreation permits, and renewable energy. Final agenda items will be posted on the BLM California state Web site at <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/rac/dac.html>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** All Desert District Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Public comment for items not on the agenda will be scheduled at the beginning of the meeting Saturday morning. Time for public comment may be made available by the Council Chairman during the presentation of various agenda items, and is scheduled at the end of the meeting for topics not on the agenda.

While the Saturday meeting is tentatively scheduled from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., the meeting could conclude prior to 5 p.m. should the Council conclude its presentations and discussions. Therefore, members of the public interested in a particular agenda item or discussion should schedule their arrival accordingly.

Written comments may be filed in advance of the meeting for the

California Desert District Advisory Council, c/o Bureau of Land Management, External Affairs, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553. Written comments also are accepted at the time of the meeting and, if copies are provided to the recorder, will be incorporated into the minutes.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Briery, BLM California Desert District External Affairs (951) 697-5220.

Dated: March 2, 2011.

**Jack L. Hamby,**  
Associate District Manager.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[WY-923-1310-FI; WYW160470]

**Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease WYW160470, Wyoming**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a petition for reinstatement from O'Brien Energy Resources Corporation for competitive oil and gas lease WYW160470 for land in Niobrara County, Wyoming. The petition was filed on time and was accompanied by all the rentals due since the date the lease terminated under the law.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bureau of Land Management, Julie L. Weaver, Chief, Fluid Minerals Adjudication, at (307) 775-6176.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10 per acre or fraction thereof, per year and 16 2/3 percent, respectively. The lessee

has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$163 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Sections 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the BLM is proposing to reinstate lease WYW160470 effective November 1, 2010, under the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above. The BLM has not issued a valid lease to any other interest affecting the lands.

**Julie L. Weaver,**  
Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Office of Natural Resources Revenue**

[Docket No. ONRR-2011-0012]

**Major Portion Prices and Due Date for Additional Royalty Payments on Indian Gas Production in Designated Areas Not Associated With an Index Zone**

**AGENCY:** Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of major portion prices for calendar year 2009.

**SUMMARY:** Final regulations for valuing gas produced from Indian leases, published August 10, 1999, require the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) to determine major portion prices and notify industry by publishing the prices in the **Federal Register**. The regulations also require ONRR to publish a due date for industry to pay additional royalties based on the major portion prices. This notice provides major portion prices for the 12 months of calendar year 2009.

**DATES:** The due date to pay additional royalties based on the major portion prices is May 10, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Barder, Manager, Team B, Western Audit and Compliance, ONRR; telephone (303) 231-3702; fax number (303) 231-3744; e-mail [John.Barder@onrr.gov](mailto:John.Barder@onrr.gov); or Mike Curry, Team B, Western Audit and Compliance, ONRR, telephone (303) 231-3741; fax (303) 231-3744; e-mail [Michael.Curry@onrr.gov](mailto:Michael.Curry@onrr.gov). Mailing address: Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Western Audit and Compliance Management, Team B, P.O. Box 25165, MS 62220B, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 10, 1999, Minerals Management Service (now Office of Natural Resources Revenue) published a final rule titled "Amendments to Gas Valuation Regulations for Indian Leases" (64 FR 43506). The gas valuation regulations apply to all gas production from Indian (tribal or allotted) oil and gas leases, except leases on the Osage Indian Reservation.

The regulations require ONRR to publish major portion prices for each designated area not associated with an index zone for each production month, beginning January 2000, and a due date for additional royalty payments. See 30 CFR 1206.174(a)(4)(ii) (2010). (Note that ONRR regulations were moved from 30 CFR, chapter II, to 30 CFR, chapter XII (75 FR 61051), effective October 1, 2010.)

If additional royalties are due based on a published major portion price, the lessee must submit an amended Form MMS-2014, Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance, to ONRR by the due date. If you do not pay the additional royalties by the due date, ONRR will bill you late payment interest under 30 CFR 1218.54. The interest will accrue from the due date until ONRR receives your payment and an amended Form MMS-2014. The table below lists the major portion prices for all designated areas not associated with an index zone. The due date is 60 days after the publication date of this notice.

**GAS MAJOR PORTION PRICES (\$/MMBTU) FOR DESIGNATED AREAS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH AN INDEX ZONE**

ONRR-designated areas	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009
Blackfeet Reservation .....	3.57	3.53	2.70	2.41
Fort Belknap .....	5.93	5.58	5.41	5.45
Fort Berthold .....	4.94	3.88	2.94	2.77
Fort Peck Reservation .....	5.96	4.83	4.23	3.93
Navajo Allotted Leases in the Navajo Reservation .....	4.93	3.32	2.78	2.77
Rocky Boys Reservation .....	4.25	2.81	2.32	2.02
Ute Tribal Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation .....	3.96	2.69	2.21	2.11
	May 2009	Jun 2009	Jul 2009	Aug 2009
Blackfeet Reservation .....	2.88	2.49	2.39	2.24