

In addition, the Department must further evaluate the criteria listed in 25 CFR part 292 in making a final determination that the Mashpee and Taunton sites may be considered the "initial reservation" of the Tribe pursuant to section 20(b)(1)(B)(ii) of IGRA. The Department's consideration and analysis of the applicable regulations may lead to a final decision that selects an alternative other than the Preferred Alternative, including no action, a variant of the Preferred Alternative, or another one of the alternatives analyzed in the FEIS.

The BIA has afforded other government agencies and the public extensive opportunity to participate in the preparation of this EIS. The BIA published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare the EIS for the proposed action in the **Federal Register** on May 31, 2012 (77 FR 32132). The BIA held public scoping meetings on June 20, 2012, at Taunton High School in Taunton, Massachusetts, and on June 21, 2012, at Mashpee High School in Mashpee, Massachusetts. A Notice of Availability for the Draft EIS (DEIS) was published in the **Federal Register** on November 15, 2013 (78 FR 68860), and the EPA published its Notice in the **Federal Register** on November 22, 2013 (78 FR 70041). The BIA held public hearings on December 2, 2013, at Mashpee High School in Mashpee, Massachusetts, and on December 3, 2013, at Taunton High School in Taunton, Massachusetts. Comments on the DEIS received from the public and based on internal BIA review were considered and incorporated as appropriate into the FEIS.

Locations Where the FEIS is Available for Review: The FEIS will be available for review at the following locations during normal business hours:

- Taunton Public Library, 12 Pleasant Street, Taunton, Massachusetts 02780;
- Mashpee Public Library, 64 Steeple Street, Mashpee, Massachusetts 02649; and

- Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Headquarters at 483 Great Neck Road—South, Mashpee, Massachusetts 02649. The FEIS is also available online at: <http://www.mwteis.com>. To obtain a compact disc copy of the FEIS, please provide your name and address in writing or by voicemail to Mr. Chet L. McGhee, Regional Environmental Protection Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Regional Office. Contact information is listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. Individual paper copies of the FEIS will be provided only upon payment of applicable printing expenses

by the requestor for the number of copies requested.

Public Comment Availability: Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may request us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR 1500 et seq.) and the Department of the Interior Regulations (43 CFR part 46) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), and the Department of Interior Manual (516 DM 1–6), and is in accordance with the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by part 209 DM 8.1.

Dated: August 25, 2014.

Kevin K. Washburn,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management [MMA 104000]

Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Gulf of Mexico (GOM), Oil and Gas Lease Sales, Western Planning Area (WPA) Lease Sales 246 and 248

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA) and Announcement of Public Meetings and Comment Period for the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Proposed GOM Oil and Gas WPA Lease Sales 246 and 248.

SUMMARY: Consistent with the regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) (NEPA), BOEM has prepared a Draft Supplemental EIS for proposed WPA oil and gas Lease Sales 246 and 248 in the GOM (WPA 246/248 Draft Supplemental EIS). Proposed Lease Sales 246 and 248 are tentatively scheduled to be held in August 2015 and 2016, respectively, in the WPA offshore the States of Texas and Louisiana. The WPA 246/248 Draft Supplemental EIS updates the environmental and socioeconomic analyses in the *Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil*

and Gas Lease Sales: 2012–2017; Western Planning Area Lease Sales 229, 233, 238, 246, and 248; Central Planning Area Lease Sales 227, 231, 235, 241, and 247, Final Environmental Impact Statement (OCS EIS/EA BOEM 2012–019) (2012–2017 WPA/CPA Multisale EIS), Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales: 2013–2014; Western Planning Area Lease Sale 233; Central Planning Area Lease Sale 231, Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (OCS EIS/EA BOEM 2013–0118) (WPA 233/CPA 231 Supplemental EIS), and Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales: 2014–2016; Western Planning Area Lease Sales 238, 246, and 248, Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (OCS EIS/EA BOEM 2014–009) (WPA 238/246/248 Supplemental EIS).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information on the WPA 246/248 Draft Supplemental EIS, you may contact Mr. Gary D. Goeke, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Office of Environment (GM 623E), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394 or by email at wpa246@boem.gov. You may also contact Mr. Goeke by telephone at (504) 736–3233.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: BOEM developed the WPA 246/248 Draft Supplemental EIS to consider new information made available since completion of the 2012–2017 WPA/CPA Multisale EIS, WPA 233/CPA 231 Supplemental EIS, and WPA 238/246/248 Supplemental EIS, and to consider new information related to the *Deepwater Horizon* explosion, oil spill, and response. The WPA 246/248 Draft Supplemental EIS provides updates on the baseline conditions and potential environmental effects of oil and natural gas leasing, exploration, development, and production in the WPA. BOEM conducted an extensive search for new information, reviewing scientific journals and available scientific data and information from academic institutions and Federal, State, and local agencies; and interviewing personnel from academic institutions and Federal, State, and local agencies. BOEM examined the potential impacts of routine activities and accidental events and the proposed lease sales' incremental contribution to the cumulative impacts on environmental and socioeconomic resources. The oil and gas resource estimates and scenario information for the WPA 246/248 Draft Supplemental EIS are presented as a range that would encompass the

resources and activities estimated for a proposed WPA lease sale.

Draft Supplemental EIS Availability: You may download or view the WPA 246/248 Draft Supplemental EIS on BOEM's Web site at <http://www.boem.gov/nepaprocess/>. In keeping with the Department of the Interior's mission to protect natural resources and to limit costs, while ensuring availability of the document to the public, BOEM will primarily distribute digital copies of the WPA 246/248 Draft Supplemental EIS on compact discs. BOEM has printed and will be distributing a limited number of paper copies. If you require a paper copy, BOEM will provide one upon request if copies are still available. You may obtain a copy of the WPA 246/248 Draft Supplemental EIS from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Public Information Office (GM 335A), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 250, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394 (1-800-200-GULF).

Several libraries along the Gulf Coast have been sent copies of the WPA 246/248 Draft Supplemental EIS. To find out which libraries have copies of the WPA 246/248 Draft Supplemental EIS for review, you may contact BOEM's Public Information Office or visit BOEM's Internet Web site at <http://www.boem.gov/nepaprocess/>.

Comments: All interested parties, including Federal, State, Tribal, and local governments, and other organizations and members of the public, may submit written comments on the WPA 246/248 Draft Supplemental EIS in one of the following ways:

1. In an envelope labeled "Comments on the WPA 246 and 248 Draft Supplemental EIS" and mailed (or hand carried) to Mr. Gary D. Goeke, Chief, Environmental Assessment Section, Office of Environment (GM 623E), Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394;

2. Through the regulations.gov web portal: Navigate to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for "Oil and Gas Lease Sales: Gulf of Mexico, Outer Continental Shelf; Western Planning Area Lease Sales 246 and 248" (Note: It is important to include the quotation marks in your search terms.) Click on the "Comment Now!" button to the right of the document link. Enter your information and comment, then click "Submit"; or

3. Through BOEM's email address: wpa246@boem.gov.

Comments should be submitted no later than 45 days from the publication of this NOA. Pursuant to the regulations implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA, BOEM will hold public meetings in Texas and Louisiana to solicit comments on the WPA 246/248 Draft Supplemental EIS. These meetings are scheduled as follows:

- *Houston, Texas:* Tuesday, September 23, 2014, Houston Airport Marriott at George Bush Intercontinental, 18700 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77032, one meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m. CDT; and,

- *New Orleans, Louisiana:* Thursday, September 25, 2014, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123, one meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m. CDT.

Public Disclosure of Names and Addresses

As BOEM does not consider anonymous comments, please include your name and address as part of your submittal. BOEM makes all comments, including the names and addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that BOEM withhold their names and/or addresses from the public record; however, BOEM cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. If you wish your name and/or address to be withheld, you must state your preference prominently at the beginning of your comment. 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 NOA is published pursuant to the regulations (40 CFR 1503) implementing the provisions of NEPA.

Dated: August 1, 2014.

L. Renee Orr,

Acting Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

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Notice of Availability of the Upper San Joaquin River Basin Storage Investigation Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Madera and Fresno Counties, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation has made available for public review and comment, the Upper San Joaquin River Basin Storage Investigation Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Draft EIS describes the potential environmental effects of the No-Action Alternative and five action alternatives for a multiple purpose dam and reservoir to increase water storage for agricultural, municipal, and environmental uses, and improve regional water management flexibility.

DATES: Send written comments on the Draft EIS on or before October 21, 2014.

Two hearings will be held on the following dates:

1. Tuesday, October 14, 2014, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Sacramento, CA.
2. Thursday, October 16, 2014, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Fresno, CA.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments or requests for copies to Ms. Melissa Harris, Project Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825, or via email to sha-mpr-usjrbsi@usbr.gov. The Draft EIS is also accessible from the following Web site: <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/scca/storage/index.html>.

The hearing locations are:

1. Sacramento—Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825.
2. Fresno—Piccadilly Inn, 2305 West Shaw Avenue, Fresno, California 93711.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Melissa Harris, Project Manager, 916-978-5075; or by email at sha-mpr-usjrbsi@usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Draft EIS documents the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative physical, biological, and socioeconomic environment effects that may result from the development of a new storage reservoir.

The Draft EIS evaluates construction and operation of storage (1.26 million acre-feet) and single or selective level intake structures. The primary project