

of the high bidder's one-fifth bonus bid requirement deposit may be obtained at the EFT Area outside the Bid Reading Room on the day of the bid opening, or it may be obtained on the BOEM Web site at <http://www.boem.gov/Sale-235/> under the heading "Notification of EFT 1/5 Bonus Liability." All payments must be deposited electronically into an interest-bearing account in the U.S. Treasury by 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time the day following the bid reading (no exceptions). Account information is provided in the "Instructions for Making Electronic Funds Transfer Bonus Payments" found on the BOEM Web site identified above. BOEM requires bidders to use EFT procedures for payment of one-fifth bonus bid deposits for CPA Sale 235, following the detailed instructions contained on the ONRR Payment Information Web page at <http://www.onrr.gov/FM/PayInfo.htm>. Acceptance of a deposit does not constitute and shall not be construed as acceptance of any bid on behalf of the United States.

#### *Withdrawal of Blocks*

The United States reserves the right to withdraw any block from this lease sale prior to issuance of a written acceptance of a bid for the block.

#### *Acceptance, Rejection, or Return of Bids*

The United States reserves the right to reject any and all bids. No bid will be accepted, and no lease for any block will be awarded to any bidder, unless: (1) The bidder has complied with all requirements of the Final NOS, including those set forth in the documents contained in the Final NOS Package and applicable regulations; (2) the bid is the highest valid bid; and (3) the amount of the bid has been determined to be adequate by the authorized officer. Any bid submitted that does not conform to the requirements of the Final NOS and Final NOS Package, OCSLA, or other applicable statute or regulation may be rejected and returned to the bidder. The U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission will review the results of the lease sale for antitrust issues prior to the acceptance of bids and issuance of leases.

To ensure that the Government receives a fair return for the conveyance of leases from this sale, high bids will be evaluated in accordance with BOEM's bid adequacy procedures. A copy of current procedures, "Modifications to the Bid Adequacy Procedures," published at 64 FR 37560 on July 12, 1999, can be obtained from the BOEM Gulf of Mexico Region Public Information Office, or via the BOEM

Gulf of Mexico Region Web site at <http://www.boem.gov/Oil-and-Gas-Energy-Program/Leasing/Regional-Leasing/Gulf-of-Mexico-Region/Bid-Adequacy-Procedures.aspx>.

#### *Bid Adequacy Review Procedures for CPA Sale 235*

BOEM published a notification in the **Federal Register**, Volume 79, No. 201, October 17, 2014, 62461–62463, at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-17/pdf/2014-24727.pdf>, proposing the elimination of one of its acceptance rules, the Number of Bids Rule, from its bid adequacy procedures. However, BOEM has decided not to eliminate the rule for CPA Sale 235 and will continue using the existing bid adequacy procedures, referenced above. If the proposed change in the bid adequacy procedures is finalized and applicable to future lease sales, bidders will be notified in the Final NOS, and BOEM will publish the revised procedures no later than the time the Final NOS for that sale is published.

#### *Lease Award*

BOEM requires each bidder awarded a lease to: (1) Execute all copies of the lease (Form BOEM–2005 (October 2011), as amended); (2) pay by EFT the balance of the bonus bid amount and the first year's rental for each lease issued in accordance with the requirements of 30 CFR 218.155 and 556.47(f); and (3) satisfy the bonding requirements of 30 CFR part 556, subpart I, as amended. ONRR requests that only one transaction be used for payment of the four-fifths bonus bid amount and the first year's rental.

#### **XI. Delay of Sale**

The BOEM Gulf of Mexico RD has the discretion to change any date, time, and/or location specified in the Final NOS Package in case of an event that the BOEM Gulf of Mexico RD deems may interfere with the carrying out of a fair and orderly lease sale process. Such events could include, but are not limited to, natural disasters (e.g., earthquakes, hurricanes, and floods), wars, riots, acts of terrorism, fires, strikes, civil disorder, or other events of a similar nature. In case of such events, bidders should call (504) 736–0557, or access the BOEM Web site at [www.boem.gov](http://www.boem.gov), for information regarding any changes.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Bureau of Ocean Energy Management [MMA 104000]**

#### **Gulf of Mexico, Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Central Planning Area (CPA) Oil and Gas Lease Sales 235, 241, and 247**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability (NOA) of a Record of Decision (ROD) for CPA Lease Sale 235 in the *Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales: 2015–2017; Central Planning Area Lease Sales 235, 241, and 247; Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement* (CPA 235, 241, and 247 Supplemental EIS).

**SUMMARY:** BOEM has prepared a ROD for proposed oil and gas CPA Lease Sale 235, which is scheduled for March 18, 2015. The proposed lease sale is in the Gulf of Mexico's CPA off the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. Proposed CPA Lease Sale 235 is the third CPA lease sale scheduled in the OCS Oil & Gas Leasing Program for 2012–2017 (Five-Year Program). The CPA 235, 241, and 247 Supplemental EIS evaluated the environmental and socioeconomic impacts for proposed CPA Lease Sale 235. In making its decision, BOEM considered two alternatives to the proposed action, the potential impacts as presented in the CPA 235, 241, and 247 Supplemental EIS, and all comments received throughout the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the CPA 235, 241, and 247 Supplemental EIS, BOEM evaluated the three alternatives that are summarized below:

*Alternative A—The Proposed Action:* This is BOEM's preferred alternative. This alternative would offer for lease all unleased blocks within the proposed CPA lease sale area for oil and gas operations with the following exceptions: Whole and partial blocks deferred by the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006; and, blocks that are adjacent to or beyond the United States Exclusive Economic Zone in the area known as the northern portion of the Eastern Gap.

All unleased whole and partial blocks in the CPA that BOEM will offer for leasing in proposed CPA Lease Sale 235 are listed in the document "List of Blocks Available for Leasing," which is included in the Final Notice of Sale 235 Package. The proposed CPA lease sale area encompasses about 63 million acres of the total CPA area of 66.45 million acres. As of January 2015, approximately 41 million acres of the

proposed CPA lease sale area are currently unleased. The estimated amount of resources projected to be developed as a result of the proposed CPA lease sale is 0.460–0.894 billion barrels of oil (BBO) and 1.939–3.903 trillion cubic feet (Tcf) of gas.

**Alternative B—Exclude the Unleased Blocks Near the Biologically Sensitive Topographic Features:** This alternative would offer for lease all unleased blocks within the proposed CPA lease sale area, as described for the proposed action (Alternative A), but it would exclude from leasing any unleased blocks subject to the Topographic Features Stipulation. The estimated amount of resources projected to be developed under Alternative B is 0.460–0.894 BBO and 1.939–3.903 Tcf of gas. The number of blocks that would not be offered under Alternative B represents only a small percentage of the total number of blocks to be offered under Alternative A; therefore, it is estimated that the levels of activity for Alternative B would be essentially the same as those projected for a CPA proposed action.

**Alternative C—No Action:** This alternative is the cancellation of proposed CPA Lease Sale 235 and is identified as the environmentally preferred alternative.

After careful consideration, the Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management has selected the proposed action, identified as BOEM's preferred alternative (Alternative A) in the CPA 235, 241, and 247 Supplemental EIS. BOEM's selection of the preferred alternative meets the purpose and need for the proposed action, as identified in the CPA 235, 241, and 247 Supplemental EIS, and reflects an orderly resource development with appropriate protection of the human, marine, and coastal environments while also ensuring that the public receives an equitable return for these resources and that free-market competition is maintained.

**Record of Decision Availability:** To obtain a single printed or CD copy of the ROD for proposed CPA Lease Sale 235, you may contact BOEM, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Public Information Office (GM 335A), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394 (1–800–200–GULF). An electronic copy of the ROD is available on BOEM's Internet Web site at <http://www.boem.gov/nepaprocess/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For more information on the ROD, you may contact Mr. Gary D. Goeke, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard (GM 623E), New

Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394. You may also contact Mr. Goeke by telephone at 504–736–3233.

**Authority:** This NOA is published pursuant to the regulations (40 CFR part 1503) implementing the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*).

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

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#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report for the Clean Water Factory Project, San Bernardino County, California

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation,  
Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Reclamation and the City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department will prepare a joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) to evaluate the effects of the Clean Water Factory project. The proposed Clean Water Factory is a water reclamation project to treat and reuse municipal wastewater that is currently discharged to the Santa Ana River. The reclaimed water will be used for groundwater recharge and landscape irrigation. The purpose of the project is to reduce dependence on imported water and establish a reliable, sustainable source of clean water. The public and agencies are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS/EIR and the proposed alternatives.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on the scope of the EIS/EIR on or before March 9, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send written comments to Doug McPherson, Southern California Area Office, Bureau of Reclamation, 27708 Jefferson Avenue, Suite 202, Temecula, CA 92590; or email to [dmcperson@usbr.gov](mailto:dmcperson@usbr.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Doug McPherson, Southern California Area Office general telephone number 951–695–5310; or email [dmcperson@usbr.gov](mailto:dmcperson@usbr.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is provided pursuant to the

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c)), and Department of the Interior regulations for implementation of NEPA (43 CFR part 46).

### Background

The San Bernardino Municipal Water Department (SBMWD) is preparing a feasibility study report for approval under the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act of 1992 (Title XVI of Pub. L. 102–575, as amended). If the Bureau of Reclamation determines that the feasibility study report meets the requirements defined at 43 U.S.C. 390h–2, and Congress amends Title XVI to specifically authorize Federal appropriations for the project, it will be eligible for construction funding under the Title XVI program.

The proposed project will install treatment improvements within the existing San Bernardino Water Reclamation Plant (SBWRP) to achieve product water quality approved for groundwater recharge by the California Department of Public Health and the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board. New pipelines will convey treated effluent to the existing Waterman Basins and East Twin Creek Spreading Grounds for recharge into the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin. Recycled water will be delivered for non-potable irrigation uses along the pipeline alignment. The project may also include a pipeline to convey recycled water from the existing Rapid Infiltration and Extraction (RIX) facility to the Inland Empire Utilities Agency service area.

SBWRP effluent is currently discharged to the Santa Ana River through the RIX facility, under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit no. CA8000304. The Santa Ana River is designated critical habitat for the Santa Ana sucker (*Catostomus santaanae*), a fish species listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The existing RIX discharge contributes to dry season baseflows that support the Santa Ana sucker.

Pursuant to California Water Code section 1211, SBMWD filed Wastewater Change Petition WW0059 with the California State Water Resources Control Board to reduce recycled water discharge from the RIX facility to the Santa Ana River by up to 31,500 acre-feet per year. Reductions in RIX discharge will be phased over time through an Adaptive Management Plan to monitor and manage downstream flows, to comply with the requirements of the Endangered Species Act.