

the Chaffee Maneuver Training Center, Arkansas Army National Guard, Fort Chaffee, Arkansas.

**Permit Application Number: TE-76565A**

*Applicant:* Rebecca Ijames, Central City, Kentucky

Applicant requests reauthorization to conduct scientific studies and surveys on the following species:

Indiana bat *Myotis sodalis*,  
Gray bat *Myotis grisescens*,  
Virginia big-eared bat *Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*.

These surveys will be conducted in Kentucky.

Dated: June 22, 2012.

**Mark J. Musaus,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

[NPS-WASO-NRNL-10608; 2200-3200-665]

#### National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing or related actions in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before June 9, 2012. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR Part 60, written comments are being accepted concerning the significance of the nominated properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation. Comments may be forwarded by United States Postal Service, to the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW., MS 2280, Washington, DC 20240; by all other carriers, National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1201 Eye St. NW., 8th floor, Washington, DC 20005; or by fax, 202-371-6447. Written or faxed comments should be submitted by July 24, 2012. 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 can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: June 14, 2012.

**J. Paul Loether,**

*Chief, National Register of Historic Places/  
National Historic Landmarks Program.*

### ARIZONA

#### Maricopa County

Sun City DEVCO Model No. 1, 10801 W. Oakmont Dr., Sun City, 12000422

#### Yuma County

Wadin, John, House, 900 W. 1st St., Yuma, 12000423

### CALIFORNIA

#### San Francisco County

Drydock 4 Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, SE. of jct. of Spear Ave. & Morrell St., San Francisco, 12000424

Hunters Point Commercial Drydock Historic District, E. of jct. of Fisher Ave. & Robinson Dr., San Francisco, 12000425

### LOUISIANA

#### Tangipahoa Parish

Ponchatoula Commercial Historic District (Boundary Increase and Decrease), 111, 180, 165, 138 N. 6th, 170, 175, 163-165, 138, 125 W. Hickory, 155 NW. Railroad Ave., 201, 245, 265, 275 W. Pine, Ponchatoula, 12000426

### MINNESOTA

#### Beltrami County

Three Island Park Site (Woodland Tradition in Minnesota MPS), Address Restricted, Tenstrike, 12000427

#### Hennepin County

Quinlan, Elizabeth C., House, 1711 Emerson Ave., S., Minneapolis, 12000428

#### Redwood County

Redwood Falls Retaining Wall Roadside Development Project (Federal Relief Construction in Minnesota MPS), Jct. of MN 19 & 71, Redwood Falls, 12000429

### MISSISSIPPI

#### De Soto County

Springhill Cemetery, College St. & W. Oak Grove Rd., Hernando, 12000430

#### Forrest County

Hub City Historic District (Boundary Increase II), Roughly bounded by E. 4th, Gordon, E. Front, Green, & Melrose Sts., Gordon's Cr., & 1st Ave., Hattiesburg, 12000431

#### Leake County

Carthage Historic District, Roughly bounded by E. & W. Water, Mill, N. & S. Jordan, N. Pearl, & N. & S. White Sts., Carthage, 12000432

#### Oktibbeha County

Downtown Starkville Historic District, Roughly bounded by Jefferson, N. Montgomery, & Yeates Sts., & RR., Starkville, 12000433

### MISSOURI

#### Audrain County

Audrain County Courthouse, 101 N. Jefferson St., Mexico, 12000434

#### Greene County

Fallon Brothers Building (Springfield MPS), 211-229 S. Market Ave., Springfield, 12000435

#### St. Louis Independent City

Central States Life Insurance Company Building, 3207 Washington Blvd., St. Louis (Independent City), 12000436

### OKLAHOMA

#### Comanche County

Comanche Indian Mission Cemetery, Henry Post Army Airfield, 4900 Area, Fort Sill, 12000437

### RHODE ISLAND

#### Providence County

Downtown Providence Historic District (Boundary Increase), 250 & 254 Washington St., Providence, 12000438

### SOUTH CAROLINA

#### Greenville County

Southern Bleachery and Print Works, 113 Mill St., Taylors, 12000439

### TENNESSEE

#### Robertson County

Glenn, Mollie and Neel, House, 307 5th Ave., Springfield, 12000440

#### Shelby County

National Cotton Council Building, 1918 North Parkway, Memphis, 12000441

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

#### Outer Continental Shelf, Oil and Gas Lease Sales in the Central Gulf of Mexico Planning Area (CPA) and the Western Gulf of Mexico Planning Area (WPA), Beginning With WPA Sale 233 in 2013 and Subsequent Sales Through 2017

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

**ACTION:** Call for Information and Nominations.

**SUMMARY:** This Call for Information and Nominations (hereinafter referred to as the "Call") is the initial step in the pre-lease process. The purpose of the Call is to gather information on oil and gas leasing, exploration, and development that might result from Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas lease sales, tentatively beginning in the fall of 2013 under the OCS oil and gas leasing

program for 2012–2017. Information collected through this process will help BOEM design future sales. BOEM is enhancing the pre-lease planning process, which begins with this Call, by undertaking a series of important steps to increase the transparency of the process and accountability.

**DATES:** Comments must be received no later than August 8, 2012 at the address specified below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on this Call, please contact Mr. Carrol Williams, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394, telephone (504) 736–2803.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 15, 2011, BOEM published a Call to gather information on a series of Gulf of Mexico oil and gas lease sales scheduled in the OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2012–2017 (76 FR 14040). The March 2011 Call identified the area under consideration as the majority of the acreage in the CPA and WPA, but that Call specifically excluded acreage in a 1.4 nautical mile (nmi) buffer area in the area formerly known as the Western Gap, north of the continental shelf boundary. This 1.4 nmi buffer area includes acreage in the CPA and WPA along the continental shelf boundary between the United States and Mexico. By treaty with Mexico, this 1.4 nmi buffer area is not available for leasing until 2014.

On February 20, 2012, however, the United States and Mexico signed an *Agreement between the United States of America and the United Mexican States Concerning Transboundary Hydrocarbon Reservoirs in the Gulf of Mexico* (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”). Upon the Agreement’s entry into force, the 1.4 nmi buffer area may be available for lease earlier than 2014. As such, this Call is being issued to encompass the acreage identified in the March 2011 Call, as well as approximately 158,584 acres in the portion of the CPA and WPA that may be made available by the Agreement if it enters into force prior to 2014. If this area becomes available for lease, it will be announced in a Notice of Sale.

## Call for Information and Nominations

### 1. Authority

This Call is published pursuant to the OCS Lands Act as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331–1356, hereinafter “OCSLA”), and the regulations issued thereunder (30 CFR part 556).

### 2. Purpose of Call

The purpose of the Call is to gather information for the following tentatively scheduled OCS Lease Sales in the CPA and WPA.

Lease sale, OCS planning area	Sale year
Sale 233, WPA .....	2013
Sale 231, CPA .....	2014
Sale 238, WPA .....	2014
Sale 235, CPA .....	2015
Sale 246, WPA .....	2015
Sale 241, CPA .....	2016
Sale 248, WPA .....	2016
Sale 247, CPA .....	2017

BOEM seeks information and nominations on oil and gas leasing, exploration, development, and production within this portion of the CPA and WPA from all interested parties. This early planning and consultation step is important for ensuring that all interests and concerns are communicated to the U.S. Department of the Interior for future decisions in the leasing process pursuant to OCSLA and regulations at 30 CFR part 556.

Final decisions regarding this additional acreage for possible leasing will be made at a later date and in compliance with applicable laws, including all requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, Coastal Zone Management Act and OCSLA.

### 3. Description of Area

A Call for the majority of the acreage in the CPA and WPA was issued on March 15, 2011. This Call encompasses that acreage, as well as approximately 158,584 acres in the portion of the CPA and WPA that may be made available by the Agreement, described above, if it enters into force. A map of the full Call area is included below, depicting the acres of the CPA and WPA that may be made available by the Agreement. The map is available without charge from: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Public Information Office, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394, or telephone: 1–800–200–GULF. It is also available via the BOEM Web site at: <http://www.boem.gov/Oil-and-Gas-Energy-Program/Leasing/Regional-Leasing/Gulf-of-Mexico-Region/Call-for-Info-and-Nominations-CPA-WPA-bufferarea.aspx>. The CPA/WPA areas are depicted in full on the map available at <http://www.boem.gov/uploadedfiles/callmap-2012-2017.pdf>.

### 4. Instructions on Call

Comments must be received no later than 30 days following publication of this document in the **Federal Register** in envelopes labeled “Comments on the Call for Information and Nominations for Proposed CPA and WPA Lease Sales,” submitted to the Gulf of Mexico Region’s Leasing and Financial Responsibility Unit (Attention: Mr. Carrol Williams) at the previously noted address.

The Call map delineates the Call area, all of which has been identified by BOEM as having potential for the discovery of accumulations of oil and gas.

BOEM seeks comments from all interested parties about particular geological, environmental (including natural disasters), biological, archaeological and socioeconomic conditions or conflicts, or other information that might bear upon the potential leasing and development of this area. BOEM also seeks comments on possible conflicts between future OCS oil and gas activities that may result from the proposed lease sale and state Coastal Management Programs (CMPs). If possible, these comments should identify specific CMP policies of concern, the nature of the conflict foreseen, and steps that BOEM could take to avoid or mitigate the potential conflict. Comments may be in terms of broad areas or restricted to particular blocks of concern.

In the Proposed Final OCS Oil & Gas Leasing Program 2012–2017, BOEM established an alternative and mitigation tracking table (the Table), which is designed to track the lineage and treatment of suggestions for inclusion of acreage, spatial exclusions, temporal deferrals, and/or mitigation from the Five-Year Program to the lease sale stage and on to the plan stage. This alternative and mitigation tracking table will allow commenters to see how and where their concerns are considered, while ensuring that a reasonable concern that is not suitable for consideration during one stage will be considered at an appropriate subsequent stage. You can view the alternative and mitigation tracking table at: <http://www.boem.gov/Oil-and-Gas-Energy-Program/Leasing/Five-Year-Program/Lease-Sale-Schedule/Alternative-and-Mitigation-Tracking-Table.aspx>. Suggestions for deferrals collected during the comment period on this Call will be added to the Table to be tracked through the process.

Additionally, BOEM has created an interactive map through the Multipurpose Marine Cadastre (MMC) Web site for the Gulf of Mexico. You can

view the interactive map at: <http://www.boem.gov/Oil-and-Gas-Energy-Program/Leasing/Five-Year-Program/Lease-Sale-Schedule/Interactive-Maps.aspx>. The MMC is an integrated marine information system that provides a more comprehensive look at geospatial data and ongoing activities and studies occurring in the area being considered. If there is a data layer that you believe should be added for consideration, please provide this information by following the commenting instructions above. If you have questions about the interactive map, please contact Donna Dixon, Leasing Division Chief, at (703) 787-1215.

**5. Use of Information From the Call**

Information submitted in response to this Call will be used for several purposes. First, comments on possible environmental effects and potential use conflicts will be used in the analysis of environmental conditions in and near the Call area. Comments on environmental and other use conflicts will be used to make a preliminary determination of the potential advantages and disadvantages of oil and gas exploration and development to the region and the Nation. Second, comments may be used in developing lease terms and conditions to ensure

environmentally safe offshore operations. Third, comments may be used to assess potential conflicts between offshore oil and gas activities and a state CMP.

Individual indications of interest in areas for mineral leasing are considered to be privileged and proprietary information. To avoid inadvertent release of proprietary information, please mark all documents and every page containing such information with "Confidential—Contains Proprietary Information." The names of persons or entities submitting comments or indicating interest will be treated by BOEM as information that can be released to the public. When comments are released, individual indications of interest in mineral leasing, trade secrets, commercial or financial information will be treated as confidential and proprietary information that is privileged and not released to the public.

**6. Existing Information**

BOEM routinely assesses the status of information acquisition efforts and the quality of the information base for potential decisions on a tentatively scheduled lease sale. An extensive environmental studies program has been underway in the Gulf of Mexico since

1973. The emphasis, including continuing studies, has been on "environmental analysis" of biologically sensitive habitats, physical oceanography, ocean-circulation modeling, ecological effects of oil and gas activities, and hurricane impacts on coastal communities and the environment.

You may obtain a complete listing of available study reports and information for ordering copies from the Public Information Office referenced above. You may also order the reports for a fee from the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161, or telephone (703) 605-6000 or (800) 553-6847. In addition, you may obtain a program status report for continuing studies in this area from the Chief, Office of Environmental Studies (MS 5430), Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, or telephone (504) 736-2752, or via the BOEM Web site at: <http://www.boem.gov/Environmental-Stewardship/Environmental-Studies/Gulf-of-Mexico-Region/GOMR-Environmental-Studies-Program.aspx>.

**7. Tentative Schedule**

**MILESTONES FOR PROPOSED LEASE SALE 233 IN 2013**

Call for Information and Nominations .....	July 2012.
Comments received on Call .....	August 2012.
Area Identification Decision .....	September 2012.
Proposed Notice .....	5 months before lease sale.
Final Notice of Sale .....	1 month before lease sale.
Tentative Lease Sale Date .....	Fall 2013 (Lease Sale 233).

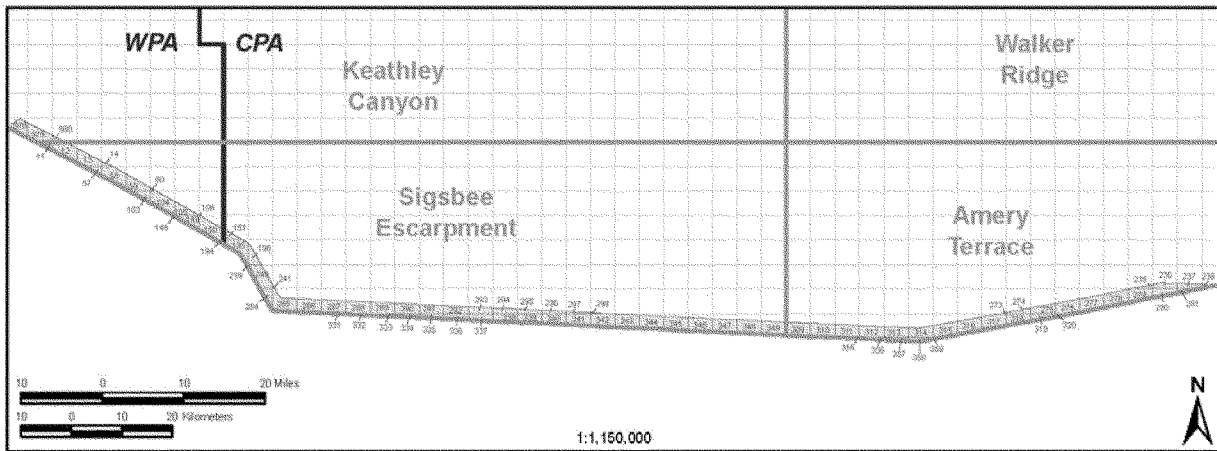
Dated: July 3, 2012.  
**Tommy P. Beaudreau,**  
*Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.*




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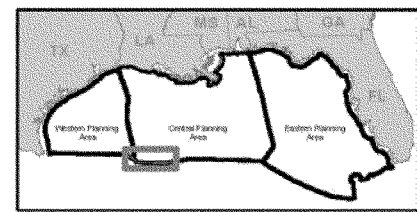
**CALL FOR INFORMATION  
AND NOMINATIONS MAP**

**Central Planning Area  
Lease Sales 231, 235, 241, 247**

**Western Planning Area  
Lease Sales 233, 238, 246, 248**



-  New Blocks Potentially Available Pursuant to Transboundary Agreement
  - 89 blocks
  - 158,584 acres
-  Planning Area Boundary
-  Protraction Area Boundary



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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

#### Outer Continental Shelf, Gulf of Mexico, Oil and Gas Lease Sales, Western Planning Area Lease Sale 233 and Central Planning Area Lease Sale 231

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

**Authority:** This Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplemental EIS (NOI) is published pursuant to the regulations (40 CFR 1501.7) implementing the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) (NEPA).

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the regulations implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA, BOEM is announcing its intent to prepare a Supplemental EIS for proposed Western Planning Area (WPA) Lease Sale 233 and Central Planning Area (CPA) Lease Sale 231 (WPA/CPA Supplemental EIS). The proposed lease sales are in the Gulf of Mexico's WPA off the States of Texas and Louisiana and in the CPA off the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. The WPA/CPA Supplemental EIS will update the environmental and socioeconomic analyses in the *Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales: 2012-2017; WPA Lease Sales 229, 233, 238, 246, and 248; CPA Lease Sales 227, 231, 235, 241, and 247, Final Environmental Impact Statement (OCS EIS/EA BOEM 2012-019) (WPA/CPA Multisale Final EIS)*. The WPA/CPA Multisale Final EIS was completed in July 2012.

A Supplemental EIS is deemed appropriate to supplement the WPA/CPA Multisale Final EIS for these lease sales in order to consider new circumstances and information arising, among other things, from the *Deepwater Horizon* event. The WPA/CPA Supplemental EIS analysis will focus on updating the baseline conditions and potential environmental effects of oil and natural gas leasing, exploration, development, and production in the WPA and CPA. The WPA/CPA Supplemental EIS will also analyze the 1.4 nautical mile (nmi) buffer area in the Western Gap, which was excluded from the WPA/CPA Multisale EIS but which may be available in the proposed lease sale or subsequent sale. The WPA/CPA

Supplemental EIS will assist decisionmakers in making informed decisions regarding the approval of operations, as well as leasing.

The WPA/CPA Supplemental EIS analysis will focus on the potential environmental effects of oil and natural gas leasing, exploration, development, and production in the areas identified as the proposed lease sale areas. In addition to the no action alternative (i.e., canceling the proposed sales), other alternatives may be considered for each proposed lease sale, such as deferring certain areas from the proposed lease sales.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 28, 2012, the Department of the Interior released a Proposed Final OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2012-2017, which includes proposed WPA Lease Sale 233 and CPA Lease Sale 231. The general area proposed for WPA Lease Sale 233 covers approximately 29 million acres in the western portion of the Gulf of Mexico (GOM) (excluding whole and partial blocks within the boundary of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary). The general area proposed for CPA Lease Sale 231 covers approximately 67 million acres in the central portion of the GOM (excluding whole and partial blocks deferred by the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 and blocks that are beyond the United States Exclusive Economic Zone in the area known as the northern portion of the Eastern Gap).

On February 20, 2012, the United States and Mexico signed an *Agreement between the United States of America and the United Mexican States Concerning Transboundary Hydrocarbon Reservoirs in the Gulf of Mexico* (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement"). Upon the Agreement's entry into force, additional acreage that lies within 1.4 nmi north of the continental shelf boundary in the area formerly known as the Western Gap will be available for lease. A treaty with Mexico currently prohibits leasing in this 1.4 nmi buffer area until 2014. This area includes acreage in the CPA and WPA along the continental shelf boundary between the United States and Mexico. If the Agreement enters into force, this 1.4 nmi buffer area may be available for leasing prior to 2014. When this area becomes available for lease, it will be announced in a Notice of Sale. The 1.4 nmi buffer area was not previously considered in the Multisale Final EIS, but potential impacts on this area will be considered in the WPA/CPA Supplemental EIS.

This **Federal Register** notice is not an announcement to hold the proposed

lease sales, but is a continuation of information gathering and is published early in the environmental review process as required by NEPA. The comments received during the scoping comment period will help form the content of the WPA/CPA Supplemental EIS and will be summarized in presale documentation prepared prior to holding the proposed WPA or CPA lease sales. If, after completion of the Supplemental EIS, the Secretary's decision is to hold one or both of the lease sales, then the lease sale areas identified in the Notice of Sale may exclude or defer certain lease blocks from the areas offered. For purposes of the WPA/CPA Supplemental EIS and to adequately assess the potential impacts of two area wide lease sales, however, BOEM is conservatively assuming that all unleased blocks may be offered in the proposed WPA and CPA lease sales.

In order to ensure a greater level of transparency during the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) stages and tiered NEPA processes of the Proposed Final OCS Oil & Gas Leasing Program 2012-2017, (the Five-Year Program), BOEM established an alternative and mitigation tracking table (the Table), which is designed to track the receipt and treatment of alternative and mitigation suggestions. Section 4.3.2 of the Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program: 2012-2017; Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (the Five-Year EIS) (<http://www.boem.gov/5-year/2012-2017/PEIS.aspx>) has presented a list of deferral and alternatives requests that were received during the development of the Five-Year EIS but were determined to be more appropriately considered at subsequent OCSLA and NEPA stages. The WPA/CPA Multisale Final EIS addressed these deferral and alternatives requests, even though they were ultimately deemed inappropriate for further analysis as a separate alternative or deferral from those already included and considered in the WPA/CPA Multisale Final EIS. In future NEPA analyses, BOEM will continue to evaluate whether these or other deferral or alternative requests warrant additional consideration as appropriate. (Please refer to Sections 2.2.1.1 and 2.2.1.1 of the WPA/CPA Multisale Final EIS for a complete discussion; <http://www.boem.gov/Environmental-Stewardship/Environmental-Assessment/NEPA/nepaprocess.aspx>). The key requirement at each stage in the NEPA process is to identify how the recommendations for deferral and mitigation requests are being addressed and whether new information or