

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) on British Petroleum Exploration (Alaska), Inc's (BPXA) proposed Liberty Development and Production Plan (DPP) Ultra Extended Reach Drilling (uERD) Project from Endicott Satellite Drilling Island (SDI). The proposed action consists of drilling six development wells from an expansion of the SDI to produce oil reserves from the Liberty prospect underlying BPXA's outer continental shelf (OCS) leases. The EA is dated October 2007.

The proposed Liberty development wells will be drilled from the existing Endicott industrial complex located in State of Alaska waters. Due to the location, and use of uERD, many potentially adverse impacts to the human environment are mitigated. Compared to the original Liberty project for which an Environmental Impact Statement was prepared in 2002, the current proposed action from Endicott industrial complex, has no subsea sales-oil pipeline; does not require construction of a new "stand-alone" offshore gravel island for drilling/processing; and will require 17 fewer development wells.

Based on the environmental assessment, MMS Alaska Region has determined that the proposal will not have significant effects on the quality of the human environment (40 CFR 1508.27).

Preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required.



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