DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Minerals Management Service
Alaska Region, Outer Continental Shelf.
Inner Continental Shelf, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 185 (2005)

ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FSN).

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service has prepared an environmental assessment for proposed Alaska Region Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Beaufort Sea Planning Area Lease Sale 185. In this EA, DATES: Final EA was distributed on May 29, 2004. MMS reassessed the potential environmental effects of the proposed action and its alternatives based on any new information regarding potential impacts and issues that were not available at the time the Alaska Region OCS Beaufort Sea Planning Area and Oil and Gas Lease Sales 185, 186, and 202 Final Environmental Impact Statement, Volumes I through IV (multiple-sale EIS) was completed in February 2003. The MMS also prepared a Finding of No Significant Impact.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Minerals Management Service, Alaska OCS Region, 949 East 16th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-4308. Mr. Fred King, telephone (907) 271-6696.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Proposed Beaufort Sea Planning Area Lease Sale 185 is the second Beaufort Sea Planning Area lease sale scheduled in the Outer Continental Shelf (Oil and Gas Leasing Program, 2002-2007, 5-Year Program). The multiple-sale EIS analyzed the effects of three lease sales considering resource estimates, project exploration and development activities, and impact-producing factors for each of the proposed Beaufort Sea Planning Area lease sales. The resource estimates and level of activities proposed for project Lease Sale 185 remains essentially the same as examined in the multiple-sale EIS. No significant impacts were identified for proposed Lease Sale 185 that were not already assessed in the multiple-sale EIS. As a result, MMS determined that a supplemental EIS is not required and has prepared a FSN.

EA Availability: To obtain a copy of the EA and FSN, you may contact the Minerals Management Service, Alaska OCS Region. Attention: Ms. Nikki Lewis, Resource Lease Division, 949 East 16th Avenue, Room 330, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-4308, telephone (907) 271-6439 or 1-800-764-2627. You may also view the EA on the MMS website at http://www.mms.gov.

Written Comments: Interested parties are invited to submit their written comments on this EA/FSN until 30 days after the publication of this notice to the Regional Director, Alaska OCS Region, Minerals Management Service, 949 East 16th Avenue, Room 330, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-4308, or by electronic mail to: alaska-oceanoffices@fao.mms.gov. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents available for public review. An individual commenting may ask that we withhold their name, home address, or both from the public record, and we will honor such a request to the extent allowable by law. If you submit comments and wish to withhold such information, you must state so prominently at the beginning of your submission. We will not consider anonymous comments, and we will make available for inspection in their entirety all comments submitted by organizations or individuals identifying themselves as representatives of organizations or businesses. Dated: July 7, 2004.

Thomas A. Reedinger, Associate Director/Oil and Gas Minerals Management. (FR Doc. 2004-16560 Filed 7-23-04; 8:45 am)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Reclamation
Quarterly Status Report of Water Service, Repayment, and Other Water-Related Contract Negotiations

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of contractual actions that have been proposed to the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and are now, modified, discontinued, or completed since the last publication of this notice on May 18, 2004. This notice is one of a variety of means used to inform the public about proposed contractual actions for capital recovery and management purposes. A separate notice will be consistent with section 9(f) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE: Additional announcements of individual contract actions may be published in the Federal Register and in newspapers of general circulation in the areas determined by Reclamation to be affected by the proposed action.

ADDRESS: The identity of the approving officer and other information pertaining to a specific contract proposal may be obtained by calling or writing the appropriate regional office at the address and telephone number given for each region in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra L. Staviano, Manager, Contract Services Office, Bureau of Reclamation, P.O. Box 2907, Denver, Colorado, 80202-9070, telephone 303-445-1902.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Consistent with section 9(f) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 and the rules and regulations published in 51 FR 11104, April 13, 1986 (41 CFR 425.22), Reclamation will publish notice of proposed or any unscheduled contract actions for any contract for the delivery of project water for authorized uses in newspapers of general circulation in the affected area at least 60 days prior to