BIA rate remains unchanged at $1.50/acre.

Note #3—The FY 2014 rate was established by final notice in the 
Rate Schedule was established by final notice in the 
Federal Register on 
January 23, 2014 (79 FR 3862). The FY 2015 rate was proposed by notice in the 
Federal Register on January 22, 2014 (79 FR 3614). This notice establishes the 
final rate of $335/acre for FY 2015.

Note #4—The 2014 O&M rate for the 
San Carlos Irrigation Project—Indian 
Works has three components. The first 
component is the O&M rate established 
by the San Carlos Irrigation Project— 
Indian Works, the owner and operator of the 
Project; this rate is proposed to be 
$45 per acre. The second component is 
for the O&M rate established by the San 
Carlos Irrigation Project— \( \text{Joint Works} \) 
and is determined to be $30.00 per acre. The third component is the O&M rate 
established by the San Carlos Irrigation 
Project Joint Control Board and is 
estimated to be $6 per acre.

Consultation and Coordination With 
Tribal Governments (Executive Order 
13175)

To fulfill its consultation 
responsibility to tribes and tribal 
organizations, BIA communicates, 
coordinates, and consults on a 
continuing basis with these entities on 
issues of water delivery, water 
availability, and costs of administration, 
operation, maintenance, and 
rehabilitation of projects that concern 
them. This is accomplished at the 
individual irrigation project by Project, 
Agency, and Regional representatives, 
as appropriate, in accordance with local 
protocol and procedures. This notice is 
one component of our overall 
coordination and consultation process 
to provide notice to, and request 
comments from, these entities when we 
adjut irrigation assessment rates.

Actions Concerning Regulations That 
Significantly Affect Energy Supply, 
Distribution, or Use (Executive Order 
13211)

The rate adjustments will have no 
adverse effects on energy supply, 
distribution, or use (including a 
shortfall in supply, price increases, and 
and increase use of foreign supplies) should 
the proposed rate adjustments be 
implemented. This is a notice for rate 
adjustments at BIA-owned and operated 
irrigation projects, except for the Fort 
Yuma Irrigation Project. The Fort Yuma 
Irrigation Project is owned and operated 
by the Bureau of Reclamation with a 
portion serving the Fort Yuma 
Reservation.

Regulatory Planning and Review 
(Executive Order 12866)

These rate adjustments are not a 
significant regulatory action and do not 
need to be reviewed by the Office of 
Management and Budget under 
Executive Order 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

These rate adjustments are not a rule 
for the purposes of the Regulatory 
Flexibility Act because they establish “a 
rule of particular applicability relating to 

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 
1995

These rate adjustments do not impose 
an unfunded mandate on State, local, or 
tribal governments in the aggregate, or 
on the private sector, of more than $130 
million per year. The rule does not have 
a significant or unique effect on State, 
local, or tribal governments or the 
private sector. Therefore, the 
Department is not required to prepare a 
statement containing the information 
required by the Unfunded Mandates 
Reform Act (2 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Takings (Executive Order 12630)

The Department has determined that 
these rate adjustments do not have 
significant “ takings ” implications. The 
rate adjustments do not deprive the 
public, state, or local governments of 
rights or property.

Federalism (Executive Order 13132)

The Department has determined that 
these rate adjustments do not have 
significant Federalism effects because 
they will not affect the States, the 
relationship between the national 
government and the States, or the 
distribution of power and 
responsibilities among various levels of 
government.

Civil Justice Reform (Executive Order 
12988)

In issuing this rule, the Department 
have taken the necessary steps to 
eliminate drafting errors and ambiguity, 
minimize potential litigation, and 
provide a clear legal standard for 
affected conduct, as required by section 
3 of Executive Order 12988.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

These rate adjustments do not affect 
the collections of information which 
have been approved by the Office of 
Information and Regulatory Affairs, 
Office of Management and Budget, 
under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 
1995. The OMB Control Number is 
1076–0141 and expires March 31, 2016.

National Environmental Policy Act

The Department has determined that 
these rate adjustments do not constitute 
a major Federal action significantly 
affecting the quality of the human 
environment and that no detailed 
statement is required under the National 
Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 
U.S.C. 4321–4370(d)).

Data Quality Act

In developing this notice, we did not 
conduct or use a study, experiment, or 
survey requiring peer review under the 

Dated: February 26, 2015.
Kevin K. Washburn, 
Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management 
[MM AA 104000]

Outer Continental Shelf, Gulf of 
Mexico, Oil and Gas Lease Sales, 
Western Planning Area Lease Sales 
246 and 248

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of the 
Final Supplemental Environmental 
Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: BOEM has prepared a Final 
Supplemental Environmental Impact 
Statement (EIS) for proposed Outer 
Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas 
Lease Sales 246 and 248, which are 
tentatively scheduled to be held in 
August 2015 and 2016, respectively, in 
the Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Western 
Planning Area (WPA) offshore the States 
of Texas and Louisiana. This Final 
Supplemental EIS updates the 
environmental and socioeconomic 
analyses for proposed WPA Lease Sales 
246 and 248 evaluated 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 (2012– 
2017 WPA/CPA Multisale EIS; OCS EIS/ 
EA BOEM 2012–019); 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 (WPA 233/CPA 231 
Supplemental EIS; OCS EIS/EA BOEM
2013–0118); 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 (WPA 238/246/248 Supplemental EIS; OCS EIS/EA BOEM 2014–009). The 2012–2017 WPA CPA Multi-sale EIS was completed in July 2012. The WPA 233/CPA 231 Supplemental EIS was completed in April 2013. The WPA 238/246/248 Supplemental EIS was completed in March 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gary D. Goekue, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Office of Environment (GM 623E), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394, by telephone at 504–736–3233 or email at wp246@boem.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: BOEM developed this Final Supplemental EIS for proposed WPA Lease Sales 246 and 248 to consider new information made available since completion of the 2012–2017 WPA CPA Multi-sale EIS, WPA 233/CPA 231 Supplemental EIS, and WPA 238/246/248 Supplemental EIS, and to consider new information on the Deepwater Horizon explosion, oil spill, and response. This Final 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 in consideration of the Deepwater Horizon explosion, oil spill, and response, 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 has examined the potential impacts of routine activities, accidental events, and the proposed lease sales’ incremental contribution to the cumulative impacts on environmental and socioeconomic resources. BOEM has also examined the potential impacts associated with a low-probability catastrophic event. The oil and gas resource estimates and scenario information for this Final Supplemental EIS are presented as a range that would encompass the oil and gas resources and activities estimated for a proposed WPA lease sale.

BOEM has printed and will be distributing a limited number of paper copies of the Final Supplemental EIS. In keeping with the Department of the Interior’s mission of the protection of natural resources and to limit costs while ensuring availability of the document to the public, BOEM will primarily distribute digital copies of the Final Supplemental EIS on compact discs. However, if you require a paper copy, BOEM will provide one upon request if copies are still available.


2. You may download or view the Final Supplemental EIS on BOEM’s Web site at http://www.boem.gov/.

Several libraries along the Gulf Coast have been sent copies of the Final Supplemental EIS. To find out which libraries have copies of the Final Supplemental EIS for review, you may contact BOEM’s Public Information Office or visit BOEM’s Web site at http://www.boem.gov/.

Authority: This Notice of Availability 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. [1988]).

Dated: January 27, 2015.
Abigail Ross Hopper,
Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

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Outer Continental Shelf, 2017–2022 Oil and Gas Leasing Program

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

ACTION: Notice of additional public scoping meetings for the programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the 2017–2022 Oil and Gas Leasing Program.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management is announcing three additional public scoping meetings for the EIS on the 2017–2022 Oil and Gas Leasing Program.

Additional Scoping Meetings

Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

○ March 16, 2015; Ramada Plaza Nags Head Oceanfront, 1701 S. Virginia Dare Trail, Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina; 3:00–7:00 p.m.; free parking.

Atlantic City, New Jersey

○ March 18, 2015; Sheraton Atlantic City, 2 Convention Blvd., Atlantic City, New Jersey; 3:00–7:00 p.m.; validated participant parking at hotel.

Savannah, Georgia

○ March 24, 2015; Hyatt Regency Savannah, Two West Bay St., Savannah, Georgia; 3:00–7:00 p.m.; validated participant parking at hotel.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the EIS, the submission of comments, or BOEM’s policies associated with this Notice, please contact Mr. Geoffrey L. Wikel, Acting Chief, Division of Environmental Assessment, Office of Environmental Programs, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (HM 3107), 381 Eilen Street, Herndon, VA 20170–4817, telephone (703) 787–1283.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 29, 2015, BOEM published a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) to inform decisions that will be made during the preparation and implementation of the 2017–2022 Oil and Gas Leasing Program (2017–2022 Program). The scope of the EIS will be based on the 2017–2022 Draft Proposed Program (DPP) after consideration of public input received during the scoping period for the EIS (for details, see the DPP at http://www.boem.gov/Five-Year-Program/). The January 29, 2015, announcement included a schedule of EIS public scoping meetings, providing dates and locations, and this Notice is adding three new meetings.

Authority: This Notice is published pursuant to the regulations (40 CFR 1501.7) implementing the provisions of NEPA.

Dated: March 2, 2015.
Abigail Ross Hopper,
Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

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