

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Performance Review Board
Appointments****AGENCY:** Department of the Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of Performance Review Board Appointments.**SUMMARY:** This notice provides the names of individuals who have been appointed to serve as members of the Department of the Interior Performance Review Board.**DATES:** These appointments are effective September 19, 2001.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shirley Schell, Department of the Interior, Office of Personnel Policy, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, Telephone Number (202) 208-7274.**2001 SES Performance Review Board**

The following Senior Executive Service members have been appointed to serve on the Department of the Interior 2001 Performance Review Board:

James C. Douglas, Assistant Special Trustee for American Indians
 Paul Smyth, Deputy Associate Solicitor (Land and Water Resources)
 Hugo Tuefel, III, Associate Solicitor (General Law)
 William D. Bettenberg, Deputy Director, Office of Policy Analysis
 Charles E. Breece, Principal Deputy Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals
 Dolores L. Chacon, President DOI University—National Business Center
 Carolyn Cohen, Director, Office of Personnel Policy
 Debra Sonderman, Director, Office of Acquisition and Property Management
 Timothy G. Vigotsky, Director, National Business Center
 Scott J. Cameron, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Performance & Management
 Joseph E. Doddridge, Staff Assistant
 J. Lynn Smith, Human Resources Program Manager
 Katherine H. Stevenson, Assoc Director—Cultural Stewardship and Partnership
 Robyn Thorson, Assistant Director—External Affairs
 Denise E. Sheehan, Assistant Director—Budget, Planning and Human Resources
 J. William McDonald, Regional Director—Pacific Northwest Reg
 Maryanne Bach, Regional Director, Great Plains Region
 Robert W. Johnson, Regional Director—Lower Colorado

Stephen V. Magnussen, Deputy Director, Operations West
 Larry L. Todd, Director, Operations
 Earnest B. Brunson, Regional Geographer—Eastern Region
 John A. Kelmelis, Associate Division Chief for Science
 Bonnie A. McGregor, Regional Director—Easter Region
 Stanley Ponce, Physical Scientist (Senior Liaison for Interagency Pgms)
 Henri R. Bisson, Assistant Director—Renewable Resources and Planning
 Gayle F. Gordon, State Director—Eastern States
 Ann J. Morgan, State Director, Colorado
 W. Hord Tipton, III, Assistant Director—Information Resource Management
 Thomas A. Readinger, Deputy Associate Director Offshore
 Robert E. Brown, Associate Director for Administration and Budget
 Richard J. Seibel, Special Assistant to the Director
 James H. McDivitt, Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs for Policy, Mgt and Budget
 William A. Sinclair, Director, Office of Self-Governance
 Lawrence Morrin, Area Director, Minneapolis
 Terrance L. Virden, Director, Office of Trust Responsibilities

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BILLING CODE 4310-10-P**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Minerals Management Service****Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Alaska Region, Beaufort Sea, Oil and Gas Lease Sales 186, 195, and 202 for Years 2003, 2005, and 2007****AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.**ACTION:** Call for Information and Nominations and Notice of Intent (Call/NOI) to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).**SUMMARY:** The Secretary's preliminary decision to consider three sales in the Beaufort Sea planning area in the Draft Proposed OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2002-2007 (DPP) provides for the first sale to be held in 2003, with subsequent sales in 2005 and 2007. The MMS has modified its prelease planning and decision process for proposed Beaufort Sea sales included in the DPP. This Call/NOI reflects that change and is in keeping with the Secretary's preliminary decision to analyze these

three sales in a multi-sale EIS. The sale process for this first sale will require a minimum of 2 years to complete. In order to meet the requirements of that schedule, we are issuing this Call/NOI at this time, recognizing that the final decision on the 2002-2007 5-year program has not been made and final delineation of the program areas and number of sales may change from that included in the DPP.

DATES: Nominations and comments on the Call for Information and comments on the Notice of Intent must be received no later than November 5, 2001.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please call Tom Warren at (907) 271-6691 in MMS's Alaska OCS Region regarding questions on the Call/NOI.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The multi-sale review process is based on over 25 years of leasing in the Beaufort Sea. The process will incorporate planning and analysis for three tentatively scheduled sales: Sales 186, 195, and 202. From the initial step in the process (the Call/NOI) through the final EIS/Consistency Determination step, this process will cover multiple sale proposals. However, there will also be complete National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), OCS Lands Act, and Coastal Zone Management Act coverage for each sale after the first sale—either an Environmental Assessment or Supplemental EIS; Consistency Determination; and a proposed and final Notice of Sale.

The environmental analysis and the Consistency Determination for subsequent sales (195 and 202) will focus primarily on new issues or changes in a State's federally-approved coastal management plan. This process will

- Focus the environmental analysis by making impact types and levels that change between sales more easily recognizable for all reviewers;
- Result in new issues being more easily highlighted for the public;
- Eliminate issuance and public review of repetitive, voluminous EISs for each sale—a practice that has resulted in "review burnout" by Federal, State, local and tribal governments, and the public; and
- Result in a more efficient and responsive application of NEPA.

This Call does not indicate a preliminary decision to lease in the area described in Call for Information and Nominations, Item 3, "Description of Area," below. Final delineation of the areas for possible leasing will be made at a later date in the presale process for each sale in compliance with the final 5-year program and with applicable