

2003–2007 in the draft proposed *Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program: 2002–2007*. The MMS will be soliciting information from States, local governments, the oil and gas industry, Federal Agencies, environmental and other interested organizations, and the public regarding issues and alternatives that should be evaluated in the EIS. The scoping meetings will provide information for the development of appropriate alternatives and mitigating measures, as well as to identify significant issues, to be considered in the draft EIS. Respondents are requested to focus their comments on the significant environmental issues attendant to OCS oil and gas leasing and development in the CPA and WPA and on alternative options for the size, timing, and location of sales.

DATES: The scoping meetings will be held on the following dates and at the times and locations indicated. Monday, October 15, 2001, The Victorian Condo-Hotel and Conference Center, 6300 Seawall Boulevard, Galveston, Texas, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 16, 2001, Houston Airport Marriott, 18700 Kennedy Boulevard, Houston, Texas, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, October 18, 2001, Ramada Plaza Hotel, 600 S. Beltline Highway, Mobile, Alabama, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday, October 22, 2001, Minerals Management Service, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the scoping meetings or the multisale EIS, please contact Mr. Joseph Christopher, Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394, telephone (504) 736–2774.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Federal regulations allow for several proposals to be analyzed in one EIS (40 CFR 1502.4). Since each sale proposal and projected activities are very similar each year for each planning area, the MMS is preparing a multisale EIS for the nine CPA and WPA lease sales. The multisale approach is intended to focus the NEPA/EIS process on new issues and information for the annual lease sales. At the completion of this EIS process, decisions will be made only for proposed Sales 185 and 187, scheduled to be held in 2003. Subsequent to these first sales in the planning areas, a NEPA review will be conducted for each of the other proposed lease sales in the 2002–2007 Leasing Program. Formal consultation with other Federal Agencies, the affected States, and the public will be carried out to assist in the

determination of whether or not the information and analyses in the original multisale EIS are still valid. These consultations and NEPA reviews will be completed before decisions are made on the subsequent sales. Comments are sought from all interested parties about particular geological, environmental, biological, archaeological and socioeconomic conditions or conflicts, or other information that might bear upon the potential leasing and development in the CPA and WPA. Comments are also sought on possible conflicts between future OCS oil and gas activities that may result from the proposed sales and State Coastal Management Programs (CMP). If possible, these comments should identify specific CMP policies of concern, the nature of the conflict foreseen, and steps that the MMS could take to avoid or mitigate the potential conflict.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

George Washington Boyhood Home Special Resource Study

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of termination of the Environmental Impact Statement process for the George Washington Boyhood Home Special Resource Study.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Park Service will terminate the Environmental Impact Statement process for this study and prepare an Environmental Assessment.

The U.S. Congress authorized the special resource study in Section 509(c)(3) of Pub. L. 105–355 to examine how the cultural and natural resources of the property can be protected and public use of the site furthered. The George Washington boyhood Home property, also known as Ferry Farm, is located in Stafford County, Virginia. The property, part of the 18 century plantation where George Washington spent his youth, is now owned by the George Washington's Fredericksburg Foundation. Congress also authorized the Department of the Interior, through the National Park Service, to acquire easements on the property. The overall purpose of the study is to identify an

appropriate management framework to achieve resource protection and public use goals. Leadership for the study project is being provided by the Superintendent of Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park.

A Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement was published in the **Federal Register** on August 14, 2000. The scoping process has been completed and draft alternatives developed in outline form. The recommended alternative will not involve new legislation. There is no potential for significant environmental effects.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact the Superintendent, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, 540–373–4510 or at ferryfarm@nps.gov.

Dated: April 6, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Draft General Management Plan/ Environmental Assessment, Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site, Essex County, MA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Draft General Management Plan/ Environmental Assessment.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations and National Park Service Policy, this notice announces the availability for public review of a Draft General Management Plan/Environmental Assessment for Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site, Essex County, Massachusetts. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act 102(2)(C) of 1969, the environmental assessment was prepared to assess the impacts of implementing the general management plan.

The Draft General Management Plan/ Environmental Assessment presents a Proposal and two Management Alternatives, then assesses the potential environmental, cultural and socioeconomic effects of the actions presented on site resources, visitor experience, and the surrounding area. The Proposal and the Alternatives differ in their approaches to achieving the site's management goals and resolving planning issues associated with those goals. Alternative 1 (The Preferred