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Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation, shall have until November 3, 1995 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

Katherine L. Flippen,  
*Acting Chief, Branch of Southwest Adjudication.*

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**Amendment to the List of Affected States Under Federal Coalbed Methane Recovery Regulations**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Removal of Pennsylvania from the list of affected States.

**SUMMARY:** The Energy Policy Act of 1992 (the Act) Pub. L. 102-486 requires that the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) administer a Federal program to regulate coalbed methane development in states where coalbed methane development has been impeded by disputes or uncertainty over ownership of coalbed methane gas. As required by the Act, the Department of the Interior, with the participation of the Department of Energy, developed a List of Affected States to which this program would apply (58 FR 21589, April 22, 1993). The List of Affected States is currently comprised of the States of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee.

The legislative body of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the form of a resolution passed on June 28, 1995, petitioning the Secretary of the Interior for removal from the List of Affected States. The resolution stated that the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania request the Secretary of the Interior to remove and delete Pennsylvania from the list of

"Affected States" that will be subject to Federal regulations implementing section 1339 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. Section 1339 of the Act provides three mechanisms by which a state may be removed from the List of Affected States:

1. A state may pass a law or resolution requesting removal;

2. The governor of a state may petition for removal, but only after giving the legislature six months notice, during a legislative session, of his intention to submit the petition; or

3. The state legislature implements a law or regulation permitting and encouraging the development of coalbed methane.

Since the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has met the condition for removal from the List of Affected States by passing a resolution requesting removal, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is officially removed from the List of Affected States.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David R. Stewart, Chief, Branch of Resources Planning and Protection, Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153, or telephone (703) 440-1728; or Charles W. Byrer, U.S. Department of Energy, 3610 Collins Ferry Road, Morgantown, West Virginia 26507, or telephone (304) 291-4547.

Dated: September 25, 1995.

Gary D. Bauer,

*Acting State Director.*

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**Final Environmental Impact Statement**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability, final environmental impact statement for the Placer Dome U.S. Bald Mountain Mine Expansion Project.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Bureau of Land Management has prepared, by a third party contractor, and made available for a 30-day public review, the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Placer Dome U.S. Bald Mountain Mine Expansion Project, located in White Pine County, Nevada.

**DATES:** The Final Environmental Impact Statement will be distributed and made available to the public on September 29, 1995. The period of availability for public review for the Final Environmental Impact Statement ends

on October 30, 1995. At that time a Record of Decision will be issued regarding the Proposed Action.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement can be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Ely District Office, 702 N. Industrial Way, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301. The Final Environmental Impact Statement is available for inspection at the following locations: Bureau of Land Management Nevada State Office (Reno); Bureau of Land Management Ely District; Eureka, White Pine, and Elko County Libraries; and the University of Nevada libraries in Reno and Las Vegas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel Netcher, EIS Team Leader, at the above address or telephone (702) 289-1872.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Final Environmental Impact Statement analyses the potential environmental impacts from the expansion of the current gold mining operations at Bald Mountain Mine and development of the Horseshoe/Galaxy Mine (Proposed Action) and reasonable alternatives. Alternatives analyzed consist of: No Action; haul road design; waste rock dump configurations; and reclamation options. The Bureau of Land Management's preferred alternative is described within the The Final Environmental Impact Statement. The Final Environmental Impact Statement also responds to the issues raised during the scoping period and comments received on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Issues analyzed of major concern involve potential impacts to groundwater, visual resources, wildlife habitat, the economy and social services of White Pine and Elko Counties, and cumulative impacts. Twelve letters and two oral comments regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement were received. All substantive comments were incorporated for improving document clarity, further defining issues, and improving analysis of potential impacts in the Final Environmental Impact Statement. The primary concerns and issues presented in these comments involved mine reclamation, long term monitoring for toxic substances, and impacts to groundwater.

The Bald Mountain Mine expansion would consist of modification of the processing circuit with a wet crushing that would produce a split flow of ore. This processing facility would consist of both heap leaching and carbon-in-leach facilities with associated tailings. The Bald Mountain Mine expansion would also consist of expansion of the current