

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

**Notice of Withdrawal of Draft
Programmatic Environmental Impact
Statement for the Proposed Cabazon
Resource Recovery Park, Section 6
General Plan, Cabazon Indian
Reservation, Indio, CA**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) (63 FR 32238, June 12, 1998) for a proposed general plan and master lease of approximately 590 acres held in trust by the federal government for the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians in Riverside County, California, has been withdrawn. The DEIS described a proposed resource recovery park and industrial area for the recycling, reuse and transformation of waste streams of various types. The DEIS was prepared by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), in cooperation with the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians and their environmental consultants. The BIA proposes to issue an amended DEIS that addresses specific potential impacts of possible subleases and an expanded range of alternatives.

DATES: The withdrawal is effective February 15, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Address comments on the withdrawal to Ronald M. Jaeger, Area Director, Sacramento Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Allan, Environmental Protection Specialist, at the above address, or by telephone at (916) 979-2575, extension 254.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BIA will consider all comments received during the commenting period on the original DEIS or at the public hearing, in preparing the amended DEIS.

This notice is published pursuant to § 1506.6 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: January 7, 1999.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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**Notice of Availability of a Final
Environmental Impact Statement for
the Proposed Southpoint Power Plant,
Fort Mojave Indian Reservation,
Mohave County, AZ**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed approval by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) of a lease of approximately 320 acres of Indian trust lands on the Fort Mojave Indian Reservation for the purpose of constructing and operating a natural gas fired, 500 megawatt combined cycle power plant and ancillary facilities is now available for final public review. The proposed lease is for a term of 50 years, with an option to renew for an additional 15 years. The proposed plant would provide electrical power for distribution throughout the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) grid to meet existing demands for electricity. The BIA as the lead agency, with the WAPA and the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe (FMIT) as cooperating agencies, are furnishing this notice pursuant to Sec. 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted through February 1, 1999. The Record of Decision will be issued on or after February 16, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to Mr. Wayne Nordwall, Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Phoenix Area Office, Attn: Environmental Quality Services, P.O. Box 10, Phoenix, Arizona 85001, telephone (602) 379-6750, Fax (602) 379-3833.

Copies of this FEIS may be obtained by contacting Mr. Allen Gross, Hallock/Gross Inc., the environmental consultant, at (602) 967-4356; Ms. Amy

Heuslein, BIA Environmental Quality Services, Phoenix Area Office (602) 379-6750; or Ms. Goldie Stroup, Realty Officer, BIA Colorado River Agency (520) 669-7141. Copies of the FEIS have been sent to all agencies and individuals who participated in the scoping process, attended public hearings, commented on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) or otherwise requested copies of the document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amy Heuslein at the address indicated above or by telephone at (602) 379-6750.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Calpine Southpoint, Inc. proposes to construct and operate a natural gas fired, 500 megawatt, combined cycle power plant on leased land located in the east half of Section 8, Township 17 North, Range 21 West, Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Mohave County, Arizona. In addition to the power plant, there is a proposal for an administrative building and parking areas on a 15 acre compound, a 30 acre evaporation pond, and an approximately 30 acre storm water retention area on the bluffs. A buffer area would be provided around the development. The power plant would use consumptively approximately 4,000 acre feet of water per year from the FMIT's allocation of Colorado River water. Natural gas would be supplied to the site in buried pipelines on rights-of-way across Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land. The power generated by the plant could potentially be wheeled and distributed by facilities of the multi-state federal WAPA, and by local distribution facilities such as those of Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Needles Electric Company or Aha Macav Power Services.

The FEIS describes the proposed action, alternatives and the affected environment, and evaluates the anticipated impacts of the proposed power plant lease development project. The proposed action is the BIA, FMIT and WAPA's preferred alternative. It is also the least environmentally damaging alternative, as documented in the FEIS.

Two alternatives to the preferred alternative plus the no action alternative have been analyzed and evaluated in the DEIS (May 1998) and FEIS. Under Alternative Two, the proposed power plant would be constructed and operated on 160 acres in the east half of Section 30, T. 18 N., R. 21 W., Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Mohave County, Arizona. The site is approximately two and one-half miles northwest of the site of the preferred alternative. The size of the power plant