DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA–4029–DR; Docket ID FEMA–2011–0001]

Texas; Amendment No. 9 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Texas (FEMA–4029–DR), dated September 9, 2011, and related determinations.

DATES: Effective Date: October 13, 2011.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Texas is hereby amended to include the following area among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the event declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of September 9, 2011.

Anderson, Henderson, Hill, Marion, Smith and Upshur Counties for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance).

The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Community Development Block Grants; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households in Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance—Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.056, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.

W. Craig Fugate,
Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

[Docket ID BOEM–2011–0087]

Notice of Industry Workshop on Technical and Regulatory Challenges in Deep and Ultra-Deep Outer Continental Shelf Waters

AGENCY: Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of Industry Workshop.

SUMMARY: BSEE is announcing the Effects of Water Depth Workshop. This workshop with industry will offer a blend of technical presentations and interactive peer review discussions expected to help identify Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) challenges and technologies associated with oil and gas exploration and production at various water depths. This workshop will also identify approaches to address the water depth issue through regulations, standards, and practices designed to safeguard personnel, operations and the environment.

DATES: The workshop will be held on November 2 and 3, 2011, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Early sign-in begins November 1, 2011, at 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the San Luis Hotel, 5222 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, Texas 77551. Lodging at the San Luis Hotel is available for workshop participants.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Elze, Technology Assessment and Research Program, (703) 787–1769 or by e-mail: Michael.elze@bsee.gov or Mr. Joseph Braun at (630) 252–5574 or by e-mail: joebraun@anl.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary intent of this workshop is to support BSEE’s goal of ensuring safe and environmentally sound offshore oil and gas exploration and production in deep and ultra-deep OCS waters. Through this workshop, BSEE will obtain feedback and analysis from stakeholders related to drilling, production technologies, operations, spill prevention, emergency response, and cleanup. In addition, the two-day workshop will offer a structured venue for consultation among offshore deepwater oil and gas industry and regulatory experts in order to:

(a) Identify the effects of water depth and related issues on equipment and operations; and

(b) Identify approaches to address the water depth issue through regulations, standards, and practices designed to safeguard personnel, operations and the environment.

This workshop will assist in improving existing regulations and develop new regulations under the authority of the BSEE, which assumed regulatory responsibility for safety and environmental protection over OCS oil and gas operations effective October 1, 2011. The workshop will also provide an opportunity to identify approaches industry can use to address water depth issues, such as the development of new standards or improvements in existing standards. Domestic energy reserves are vitally important to the Nation’s economic strength. BSEE is committed to helping ensure environmental protection and human safeguards during exploration and development of these energy reserves. This workshop is a critical step in clearing a path forward for responsible deep water development.

Registration: Registration fees will be approximately $425.00 per person to cover food, refreshments, and administrative costs. Attendance at this workshop is by invitation only. To apply, please visit BSEE’s workshop webpage at http://www.boemre.gov/tarworkshops/EWD/Apply.htm. You will be redirected to the U.S. Department of Energy, Argonne National Lab’s webpage to complete your application electronically and will be contacted by Argonne National Lab staff, who have been contracted to provide workshop registration services.

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Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the K Road Calico Solar Project, San Bernardino County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), California Desert District, intends to prepare a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for an amendment to the existing ‘‘K Road’’ ROW grant for the K Road Calico Solar Project (Project) in San Bernardino County, California.

DATES: The BLM will provide a 45-day public comment period upon publication of the Supplemental Draft EIS.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joan Patrovsky, BLM Project Manager, or Edy Seehafer, BLM NEPA Compliance Coordinator, telephone (760) 252–6000. Please contact Ms. Patrovsky if you’d like to have your name added to our mailing list. See also ADDRESSES section, above. News media inquiries should be directed to the California District Desert Office, Public Affairs Office, David Briery, 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553, telephone (951) 697–5220, or e-mail: dbriery@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: K Road is seeking approval to construct and operate an electrical generating facility with a nominal capacity of approximately 664 megawatts (MW). The project would use photovoltaic (PV) panels and may include some solar thermal power. Approximately 4,604 acres of BLM-administered public land and 9 acres of privately owned land are needed to develop the Project. K Road has submitted an application to the BLM requesting to amend their ROW grant to change portions of the approved facility from 100 percent SunCatcher technology to PV technology and potentially some SunCatcher technology.

On October 20, 2010, the BLM approved the Calico Solar ROW grant, which would develop a solar thermal energy generating facility in a project area north of Interstate 40 between Newberry Springs and Hector, California approximately 37 miles east of Barstow, California. The grant holder, K Road Calico Solar, LLC has applied to the BLM for a ROW grant amendment on public lands to construct the solar facility in two phases including a change in technology: Phase 1 (275 MW and 1,863 acres) will consist of PV panels, an access road, a central services complex, an on-site substation, and a underground water utility line. Phase 2 (2,750 acres, 389 MW) will consist of PV panels and may include some SunCatcher technology.

Construction would begin in early 2013. Although construction would take approximately 48 months to complete, renewable energy power would be available to the grid as each phase is completed. The facility would be expected to operate for approximately 20 years.

A new 230-kV substation would be built in the center of the project area and would connect to the existing Pisgah Substation via an approximately two-mile long single-circuit, 230-kV transmission line.

The 2010 Final EIS and Proposed Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan for the Calico Solar Project considered this type of technology but did not analyze it in detail. The Supplemental Draft EIS will analyze this alternative in detail, including any additional site-specific impacts resulting from the change in technology and additional ancillary facilities or relocation of facilities. This includes impacts to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, water resources, geological resources and hazards, hazardous materials handling, noise, paleontological resources, public health, socioeconomics, soils, traffic and transportation, visual resources, waste management and worker safety and fire protection, as well as facility design engineering, efficiency, reliability, transmission system engineering and transmission line safety and nuisance.

If the ROW amendment is approved by the BLM, a multi-technology solar power plant facility on public lands would be authorized in accordance with Title V of FLPMA and the BLM’s ROW Regulations at 43 CFR part 2800. A certificate designating approval by the California Energy Commission must be obtained by K Road before it may construct the portion of Phase two involving ‘‘SunCatcher’’ solar facilities.

Authority: 40 CFR 1502.9(c) and 43 CFR 1610.2.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Resource Advisory Council Meeting for the Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council (Supplemental Information)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting: Supplemental Information

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, notice has been published that the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Northwest Resource Advisory Council (NW RAC) will meet on December 1, 2011. This notice provides supplemental information related to specific fee proposals that will be discussed at the December meeting in Gateway, Colorado, specifically the consideration of two new fee proposals for public lands within the Grand Junction Field Office, and one fee adjustment proposal for the Kremmling Field Office.

DATES: This supplemental information is being provided for the NW RAC meeting to be held on December 1, 2011. The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 3 p.m., with public comment periods regarding matters on the agenda at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.