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MMS Changes Scoping Meeting Dates for Liberty Development and Production EIS

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has changed the dates for scoping meetings to gather information for an environmental impact statement (EIS) on BP Alaska's Development and Production Plan (DPP) for Liberty. The new meeting dates are Wednesday, March 18, 1998, at 7 p.m. in the Nuiqsut Community Center and on Thursday, March 19, 1998, at 7 p.m. in the North Slope Borough Assembly Chambers in Barrow.

The EIS will analyze BP's proposed development and production plan, which is located on a single Federal OCS lease in the Sale 170 area. The proposed development consists of a self-contained offshore drilling and production facility on a conventional gravel island located in Foggy Island Bay about 5 miles from shore and an associated sub sea pipeline. The Liberty DPP EIS is project specific and much more narrow in scope than a lease sale EIS. BP estimates there are 120 million barrels of recoverable oil in the Liberty Prospect. Construction activities are proposed during the 1999/2000 winter season, with first production anticipated by the end of 2000.

Through the scoping process, MMS will evaluate the important environmental, social, or economic issues that could arise from development in this area. MMS will continue to evaluate issues as they are identified.

For further information about the the scoping meetings, Liberty Project or to be placed on the Liberty Mailing List, please write to the Minerals Management Service, 949 East 36th Avenue, Room 308, Anchorage, AK 99508, or call Fred King at 907-271-6696 or Robin Cacy at 907-271-6070, toll-free at 1-800-764-2627; or via e-mail at akwebmaster.mms.gov. Please include your name, address, telephone number and fax number.

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