

Bureau of Land Management, Interior

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the Secretary may issue the lease, contract or operating agreement without waiting for the advice of the Attorney General.

(f) Information submitted to the Secretary to comply with this section shall be treated by the Secretary and by the Attorney General as confidential and proprietary data if marked confidential by the submitting bidder or other person. Such information shall be submitted to the Secretary in sealed envelopes and shall be transmitted in that form to the Attorney General.

(g) The procedures outlined in paragraphs (a) through (f) of this section apply to the proposed assignment or transfer of any lease, contract or operating agreement.

§ 3130.2 Limitation on time to institute suit to contest a Secretary's decision.

Any action seeking judicial review of the adequacy of any programmatic or site-specific environmental impact statement under section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332) concerning oil and gas leasing in NPR-A shall be barred unless brought in the appropriate District Court within 60 days after notice of availability of such statement is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

§ 3130.3 Drainage.

Upon a determination by the authorized officer, that lands owned by the United States within NPR-A are being drained, the regulations under § 3162.2 of this title, including the provisions relating to compensatory agreements or royalties, shall apply.

[46 FR 55497, Nov. 9, 1981, as amended at 53 FR 17358, May 16, 1988; 66 FR 1892, Jan. 10, 2001]

§ 3130.4 Leasing: General.

§ 3130.4-1 Tract size.

A tract selected for leasing shall consist of a compact area of not more than 60,000 acres.

§ 3130.4-2 Lease term.

The primary term of an NPR-A lease is 10 years.

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§ 3130.5 Bona fide purchasers.

The provisions of § 3108.4 of this title shall apply to bona fide purchasers of leases within NPR-A.

[46 FR 55497, Nov. 9, 1981, as amended at 53 FR 17358, May 16, 1988]

§ 3130.6 Leasing maps and land descriptions.

§ 3130.6-1 Leasing maps.

The Bureau shall prepare leasing maps showing the tracts to be offered for lease sale.

§ 3130.6-2 Land descriptions.

(a) All tracts shall be composed of entire sections either surveyed or protracted, whichever is applicable, except that if the tracts are adjacent to upland navigable water areas, they may be adjusted on the basis of subdivisional parts of the sections.

(b) Leased lands shall be described according to section, township and range in accordance with the official survey or protraction diagrams.

Subpart 3131—Leasing Program

§ 3131.1 Receipt and consideration of nominations; public notice and participation.

During preparation of a proposed leasing schedule, the Secretary shall invite and consider suggestions and relevant information for such program from the Governor of Alaska, local governments, Native corporations, industry, other Federal agencies, including the Attorney General and all interested parties, including the general public. This request for information shall be issued as a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

§ 3131.2 Tentative tract selection.

(a) The State Director Alaska, Bureau of Land Management, shall issue calls for Nominations and Comments on tracts for leasing for oil and gas in specified areas. The call for Nominations and Comments shall be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and may be published in other publications as desired by the State Director. Nominations and Comments on tracts shall be addressed to the State Director Alaska,