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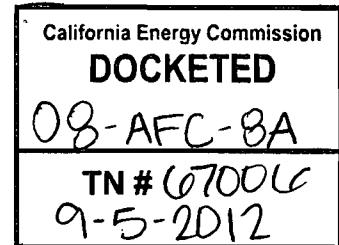
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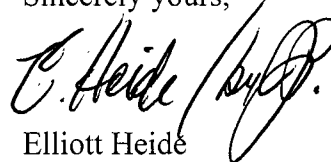
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Dear Bob:

As requested in our discussion on Friday, enclosed is a copy of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the sale of the Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 1 to Occidental.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,


Elliott Heide

Enclosure

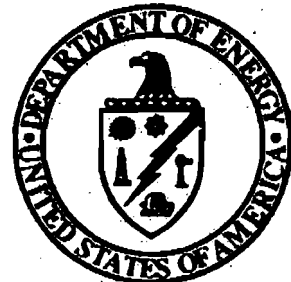
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**Supplemental
Environmental Impact Statement/
Program Environmental Impact Report
for the Sale of NPR-1**

**Sale of Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 1
(Elk Hills)
Kern County, California**

DOE/SEIS/PEIR-0158S

July 1997



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**SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/
PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

Lead Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Energy
Washington, DC

Lead State Agency: County of Kern
Bakersfield, California

Proposed Action: Sale of Naval Petroleum Reserve Number 1 (Elk Hills)
Amendment of Kern County General Plan
Kern County, California
DOE/SEIS/PEIR-0158S

Location: The proposed site is located in Kern County, California about 25 miles southwest of the City of Bakersfield and approximately 100 miles north of Los Angeles, in a predominately rural area.

Contacts: Written comments and questions concerning the proposed sale and the draft document should be directed to:

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For questions concerning CEQA issues, contact:

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Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Program Environmental Interim Report for the Sale of the Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 1 at Elk Hills, CA

Lead Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Energy
Washington, DC

Lead State Agency: County of Kern
Bakersfield, California

Proposed Action: Sale of Naval Petroleum Reserve Number 1 (Elk Hills)
Amendment of Kern County General Plan
Kern County, California
DOE/SEIS/PEIR-0158-S2

Location: The proposed site is located in Kern County, California, about 25 miles southwest of the City of Bakersfield and approximately 100 miles north of Los Angeles, in a predominantly rural area.

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Abstract: The Proposed Action is the sale of all right, title and interest of the United States in Naval Petroleum Reserve Number 1 (NPR-1) in accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (Public Law 104-106). The Proposed Action is also DOE's Preferred Alternative. DOE has determined that the sale of NPR-1 as required by Public Law 104-106 constitutes a major Federal action which may have a significant impact upon the environment within the meaning of the National

Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and Kern County has determined that the sale could have a significant effect on the environment under the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA). Significant impacts may occur because private-sector operation of the NPR-1 oil field could result in accelerated levels of development and different types of activities than under continued government ownership. This SEIS/PEIR assesses the potential environmental impacts from the Proposed Action, a No Action Alternative under which NPR-1 would continue to be operated by DOE, and an Alternative to the Proposed Action under which some form of government control would be maintained.

This document assesses the environmental impacts on: geology and soils; hazardous materials and waste management; air; water; biology; cultural and historical resources; land use; noise; socioeconomics; risk assessment; energy conservation; and environmental justice.

Pursuant to §1503.4(c) of the CEQ NEPA regulations, DOE is not revising and recirculating the full text of the DSEIS/PEIR as a FSEIS/PEIR. CEQA does not require the recirculation of the DPEIR.

Document

Date: October 1997

Public

Comments: In preparing the Draft SEIS/PEIR, DOE and Kern County considered both written comments submitted during the scoping period and oral comments received at the public scoping sessions on April 16, 1996.

The period for submission of public comments on the Draft SEIS/PEIR was 45 days from July 27, 1997, until September 8, 1997. Public hearings were held on the Draft SEIS/PEIR on August 26, 1997. In preparing the Final SEIS/PEIR, DOE and Kern County considered all public comments received, including comments received after September 8, 1997, as well as the oral comments made during the public hearings.

No Action

Period: No action will be taken with respect to the alternatives described in this document until the Record of Decision is published in the Federal Register, which can occur no earlier than 30 days after the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability of this Final SEIS/PEIR document appears in the Federal Register.

