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Re: Blue Sky Pod Coalbed Methane Project

Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your review and comment is the Environmental Assessment (EA) for Petroleum Development Corporation's Blue Sky Pod coalbed methane (CBM) exploration project. The project is located in one of nine areas proposed for exploration drilling for the purpose of providing information for use in the preparation of the Atlantic Rim CBM Methane Project Environmental Impact Statement. In order to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, this EA was prepared to analyze impacts associated with the exploration of CBM resources northeast of Baggs, in Carbon County, Wyoming.

Analysis of the environmental consequences has led to the determination that this proposed project, with the appropriate mitigating measures, will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required. Pending the results of a public review of this document, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will prepare a formal Decision Record.

Your comments should be as specific as possible. Comments on the alternatives presented and on the adequacy of the impact analysis will be accepted by BLM until February 28, 2002.

Comments may be submitted via regular mail to:

Brenda Vosika Neuman, Project Manager  
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In the past, the BLM Rawlins Field Office allowed comments to be submitted via electronic mail. However, at this time we are unable to receive e-mail and are uncertain as to when it may become available. **To ensure that your comments are considered, we asked that you do not send responses to the Blue Sky Pod CBM Exploration Project EA electronically.**

Because the BLM website is currently unavailable to the public, a temporary website has been set up specifically for the Atlantic Rim CBM exploration projects at [www.arcbm-ea.org](http://www.arcbm-ea.org). If problems arise with the placement of the document on this temporary website, comments will be taken for a full 30-day period after the document is available on the web.

Please note that comments, including names, e-mail addresses, and street addresses of the respondents, will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentially. If you wish to withhold your name, e-mail address, or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this plainly at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Please retain this EA for future reference. Hard copies of the EA may also be reviewed at the following locations:

Bureau of Land Management  
Wyoming State Office  
5353 Yellowstone Road  
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009

Bureau of Land Management  
Rawlins District Office  
1300 N. Third Street  
Rawlins, Wyoming 82301

If you require additional information regarding this project, please contact Brenda Vosika Neuman, Project Manager, at the address shown above or phone (307) 328-4389.

Sincerely,



Field Manager

Enclosure