

Draft response to Barent's RIK FOIA:

1. Rationale for the choice of Wyoming as the location for an onshore crude oil pilot is included in the 1997 RIK Feasibility Study. Information on the design of the Wyoming pilot is attached and includes:
  - Preliminary Design of the Wyoming Pilot;
  - Survey of Wyoming Crude Oil Markets;
  - Management Briefing dated April 21, 1998
  - Reporting Options paper dated January 27, 1998
  - Detailed Task Outline for Phase 1a of the Wyoming Pilot
  - Print-out of RMP's Home Page indicating where Barent's can access further design data, including a summary, attendee list, and slide presentation for the February 24<sup>th</sup>, 1998 Public Meeting in Casper for the Wyoming Pilot.
2. Summary information on the evaluation of the Wyoming Pilot can be found in the Preliminary Design of the Wyoming Pilot attached in response to Item #1 above. A more definitive record does not currently exist, as the team is currently engaged in formulation of detail evaluation design, not expected to be completed before the end of Phase II.
3. Information for evaluating the bids for Phase 1a of the Wyoming Pilot was assembled from the most recently available royalty reports for the leases offered in the three packages. This information contains proprietary price and value data not releasable under FOIA. The attached document entitled "Wyoming Pilot Program Bid Evaluation for bids due August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1998" describes the methodology used to evaluate the bids.
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6. The rationale and process used to accept or reject bids is given in the document referred to and attached in response to Item #3 above.
7. The results of MMS' valuation of the bidding are described in the attached document entitled "Wyoming Oil Royalty In Kind Project". More specific, additional data are not provided for the reasons outlined in response to Item #5 above.
8. The following documents are attached in response to this request:
  - List of properties, operators and winning bidders sorted in various ways
  - Examples of reporting scenarios and forms
  - Information collection solicitation
  - List of purchasers for phase 1a with contact names/phone numbers
  - List of operators of successful bid properties with contact names/phone numbers
  - Print-out of RMP's Home Page indicating where Barent's can access the Dear Operator/Payor letter sent for notification of the September 14, 1998 meeting and the Dear Operator letter that was presented in draft form at the September 14, 1998
9. The document entitled "Preliminary Design of the Wyoming Pilot" referred to and attached in response to Item #3 above contains a generic description of continuing phases of the Wyoming Pilot. A schedule of activities related to the second phase of the competitive bidding part of the Wyoming Pilot is attached.
10. The design of the joint project with the Texas General Land Office is described in the attached MOU and Business Plan. In addition, attached are some basic statistics on the 8(g) leases involved in the joint pilot, and an e-mail summary of preliminary tasks being undertaken.