

## ENERGY STREAMLINING TASK FORCE PROJECT SUMMARY

**Name:** The OCS E&P Waste Disposal Project at Main Pass 299

O-7

**Entity Proposing Project:** Freeport-McMoRan Sulphur LLC

**Category of Project:** Other (waste disposal)

**Brief description of project:** seeking approval to inject commercial, OCS-generated, RCRA-exempt E&P waste into salt caverns and caprock underlying Sulphur & Salt Lease OCS-G 9372, Main Pass Block 299 (in OCS waters of Gulf of Mexico)

**Agencies that must be consulted and agencies from which approval is needed:**

**Federal:** Minerals Management Service – charged with OCS exploration and development oversight

National Marine Fisheries Service

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

**Project Timeline:**

Supplemental Development Operations Coordination Document submitted for combined brine production & E&P waste disposal project – November 17, 2000

Applications for Permits to Inject E&P Waste submitted separately per MMS – January 25, 2001

Meeting to discuss permit process held between McMoRan and MMS Gulf of Mexico Regional Director – June 2001

Freeport resubmitted applications after receiving comments – August 17, 2001

MMS issued further comments; advised of: public meeting to be held in December 2001, target date for completion of EA by MMS is April 2002 but because of ESA section 7 consultation, decision no sooner than June 2002 – October 11, 2001

Freeport resubmitted amended applications – October 17, 2001

**Reasons for bringing project to the task force's attention:** requesting additional assistance from task force to expedite review