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Instruction Memorandum No. AZ-2009-020  
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To: District Managers and Field Managers

From: State Director

Subject: Restoration Design Energy Project

DD: 7/17/2009

**Purpose:** The purpose of this Instruction Memorandum is to obtain a list of sites within BLM Arizona's National System of Public Lands that will be evaluated for potential remediation and preparation as sites for development of renewable energy.

**Policy/Action:** All Bureau of Land Management (BLM) offices in Arizona are asked to nominate potential sites that meet the criteria outlined in Attachment 1. Complete the attached form (attachment 2) for each nominated site.

**Timeframe:** The attached data sheets and associated GIS shape files are to be provided to Teri Raml by July 17, 2009.

**Background:** The National System of Public Lands Restoration Design Energy Project, funded under the Department of Interior's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, will support President Obama and Secretary Salazar's goals to build America's new energy future and to protect and restore treasured landscapes.

Implementation of this initiative will result in the identification of disturbed or previously developed sites within the National System of Public Lands that, after remediation or site preparation, can be made available for renewable energy development or generation. This will be accomplished through a public process including the completion of an environmental analysis that will evaluate alternative land use allocations and the suitability of sites for the development of renewable energy.

An important component of this project will be to give BLM employees, the business community and local, county and state partners an opportunity to propose sites for potential renewable energy facilities on lands that do not have other important resource values and may need remediation.

**Manual/Handbook Sections Affected:** None

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2 Attachments:

1. [Criteria for submission](#) (1p)
2. [Form](#) (1p)

## **National System of Public Lands Restoration Design Energy Project Criteria for submission of projects**

The criterion includes parcels of public lands that require remediation or do not have higher resource values and may be suitable for renewable energy development. Following is a description of parcels that should be considered for submission

- Hazardous material sites or brownfields
- Abandoned Mine Lands sites
- Disturbed lands that have reverted back to the BLM from Department of Defense, Department of Energy, or Bureau of Reclamation;
- Former land fill sites
- Mineral material sites (gravel pits)
- Parcels identified by the BLM for disposal (FLPMA criteria)
- Sites damaged or disturbed to the extent that restoration may not be possible
- Sites with very limited productivity due to a disruption of natural processes (i.e. isolation from hydrological processes)

At this point, there are no limitations on the size of the parcel submitted.

Sites located within the following land use allocations may need remediation, but would not be available for renewable energy development:

- The National Landscape Conservation System;
- Areas of Critical Environmental Concern
- Areas Allocated to Maintain Wilderness Characteristics



**BLM AZ NATIONAL SYSTEM OF PUBLIC LANDS  
RESTORATION DESIGN ENERGY PROJECT  
SITE SUBMITTAL FORM**



**Name of Site:**

**Field Office:**

**DO / FO Point of Contact** (include phone number):

**Legal Description:**

**Political Boundaries** (Congressional District, County, Municipality):

**Estimate of acreage available for potential energy development:**

**Description of Disturbance or Previous Development:**

**Identify Applicable Resource Management Plan(s):**

**Name of Affected Waterway or Watershed (optional):**

**Comments Regarding Access to the Site (optional):**

**Identify Current Encumbrances (optional):**

**Identify Pending Applications (optional):**

Submissions due by July 17, 2009 to [traml@blm.gov](mailto:traml@blm.gov). For more information, contact Teri Raml at 602-417-9388.