

BLM seeks public input on the DCP Midstream ZIA II Natural Gas Pilot Plant Project Draft Environmental Assessment (EA).

Carlsbad, NM—The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking public comment on the Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) for the DCP Midstream ZIA II Natural Gas Pilot Plant Project.

DCP Midstream (DCP) is proposing to construct and operate a natural gas processing plant and approximately 50 miles of gathering and residue pipelines. If completed, the Proposed Action would contribute an additional 200 million standard cubic feet per day (MMSCFD) of natural gas supply to markets. The project would be primarily located within Lea and Eddy Counties, New Mexico, and would expand the existing natural gas gathering system that is currently in the area. The majority of the land is managed by the BLM; however, the pipelines would cross approximately 4 miles of state-owned land and 1 mile of privately owned land. Construction would begin following approval of the Proposed Action and granting of the rights-of-way.

The Draft EA is available for downloading from the Project website at:

http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/fo/Carlsbad_Field_Office.html or by contacting the BLM Project Lead Robert Gomez at 575-234-5989. Comments can be made to the BLM during the public meetings; by email: blm_nm_cfo_comments@blm.gov; by fax: (575) 885-9264; or by mail BLM Carlsbad Field Office, Attention: DCP Zia II Gas Plant Project Lead, 620 E. Greene St., Carlsbad, NM 88220. A copy of the Draft EA is also available for review at the following locations:

To ensure your comments and information are fully considered, the BLM must receive your submission by no later than January 6, 2014.

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