



# United States Department of the Interior



## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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(Enterprise MAPL)

Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Farmington Field Office, New Mexico cordially invites you to participate in a public process to gather input on the Preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) for a right-of-way application from Enterprise Mid-America Pipeline (MAPL) to construct a natural gas liquids pipeline project, located on public, state and private lands.

The Farmington Field Office is designated as the lead BLM office in New Mexico for this project. Title I and Title II of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (MLA), (30 U.S.C. 185) are authorities for granting and renewing rights-of-way through Federal land for oil and gas pipelines. We have developed a Preliminary EA for the project to comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, to ensure that environmental impacts associated with proposed construction, operation, and decommissioning are identified, analyzed, and considered during the application process. The EA will serve as the basis for the BLM's decision on whether to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the project.

The BLM invites you to review and comment on the Preliminary EA and unsigned FONSI. Based on the preliminary analysis in the Preliminary EA, the BLM has found no significant effects relating to the proposed project, and has therefore included an unsigned FONSI for review. The Preliminary EA and FONSI are subject to change based on new information provided through the public review and comment process. The Preliminary EA, FONSI, as well as other project information such as MAPL's Plan of Development, can be found on the BLM's website at: [www.blm.gov/nm/westernexpansionpipeline](http://www.blm.gov/nm/westernexpansionpipeline).

Digital and hard copies of the Preliminary EA and the maps referred to in the plan of development are available at the following BLM field offices:

Farmington Field Office  
6251 College Blvd. Suite A  
Farmington, NM 87402

Rio Puerco Field Office  
435 Montano Road Northeast  
Albuquerque, NM 87107

Roswell Field Office  
2909 W. Second Street  
Roswell, NM 88201-2019

## Project Background

MAPL's application is for the construction, operation, maintenance, and abandonment of approximately 233 miles of 16-inch natural gas liquids pipeline comprised of a series of six loop segments (portions of segments 1 and 3 would be 20-inch diameter pipeline). A pipeline 'looping' project refers to installing a pipeline adjacent/parallel to an existing pipeline and connecting them ('tying-in') through valves. Pipelines can be looped for their entire lengths or for portions of their lengths (segments) in order to increase volume capacity. The proposed project would transport natural gas liquid production in northwestern New Mexico to Hobbs, New Mexico, and ultimately to markets in Mont Belvieu, Texas, helping to meet existing and future demand. The proposed pipeline loop segments would follow an existing pipeline corridor and tie into the existing pipeline (2006 Western Expansion Pipeline).

The proposed pipeline route would cross approximately 66 miles of land administered by the BLM Farmington, Rio Puerco and Roswell Field Offices in New Mexico, 26 miles of tribal lands (Navajo Nation and Zia Pueblo) administered by the Bureau of Land Management, 27 miles of state land, and 114 miles of private lands. The Applicant estimates construction could begin as early as spring 2013 and would take approximately six to nine months to complete.

### Opportunities to Comment on the MAPL Project Preliminary Environmental Assessment

You can make a difference by providing us with your ideas, comments, or concerns about the proposed Project. ***The 30-day comment period for the Preliminary EA will end April 26, 2013.*** You may submit comments at any time during the preparation of the EA; however, if you would like to have your comment(s) considered for inclusion in the Final EA, comments should be submitted during this comment period. There are four ways in which you can submit your comments on the proposed Project:

- ***Mail written comments*** to Lorraine Salas, BLM National Project Manager stationed at the Las Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess St., Las Cruces, NM 8800
- ***Drop off written comments*** to one of the Field Offices listed above
- ***Submit comments via email*** to: [BLM\\_NM\\_FFO\\_comments@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NM_FFO_comments@blm.gov)
- ***Submit comments via fax*** to 575-525-4412

Please be advised that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information may be publicly available at any time. While you can request that your personal identifying information be withheld from public review, we cannot guarantee that we can do so.

Sincerely,



Gary Torres  
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Enclosure:

Map of MAPL Project Area