

management (BLM) solicits the nomination of
development and Demonstration (R, D and D) of oil
s of Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming.

D and D leases can be made from [insert date of
Register] through [insert date 60 days after date
ral Register].

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was processing the nominations, Congress (EPAAct), which included section 369 (codified at 42 U.S.C. 241). Section 369 addresses oil shale research to make public lands available for conducting oil shale research. 42 U.S.C. 15927(c). After processing the 2005 notice, the BLM issued six R, D and D

in the Federal Register (74 FR 2611) a notice regarding the R, D and D leasing. On February 27, 2009, the Federal Register a notice entitled “Potential for Oil Shale Research—Oil Shale Research, (R, D and D) Program and Request for Public Comment.” On January 15, 2009, solicitation of parcels for oil shale research. The Federal Register notice stated, “The new administration is reviewing all aspects of the current solicitation, including lease

ed that 1) the acreage size for the second round of
allow expansion into potential commercial
to encourage investment. The academic
, D and D is needed, particularly to test a low
act water supplies. In general the environmental
es be offered until the results of the current
as completed a full, programmatic Environmental
le R, D and D leases. One environmental entity
erm, a 12.5 percent royalty rate, and in the event of
that acreage size should be limited to 160 acres,
Another environmental commenter recommended
ge in a mid-term assessment of the five R, D and
re R, D and D lease offering should be
rms. Commenters from the Federal/State/local
at because the BLM has implemented a number

the nomination of parcels, not to exceed 160 acres,
under a 10-year lease agreement. Applicants may
contiguous acres that the applicant requests the BLM
be included in a commercial lease. Thus, any
tract of a total of no more than 640 acres. The
development is being reduced from the 5,120 acres in
substantial reserves represented by 640 acres are
the production operation.

and D leases is to focus on the technology needed
the liquid fuels. Knowing the costs and benefits
will inform the Secretary's future decisions about
with commercial scale development and allow the

...followed by an Interdisciplinary Review Team. For participation of a representative from each of the ...g, as appropriate, and the Departments of Defense ...n R, D and D lease will be the: 1) Potential for a ...tive technology; 2) Economic viability of the ...e environmental effects of oil shale technology. ...er the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) ...R, D and D lease. Each applicant will be ...n the NEPA analysis of the R, D and D lease ...ysis and documentation under NEPA may differ ...s for a tract that has previously been the subject of ...the method of shale oil extraction, and whether ...ace shale oil recovery. Accordingly, some R, D ...thers. If the BLM receives two or more ...d determines that more than one meets the ...BLM will issue the lease to the qualified

ound in 15 CFR subpart 3302,
d 160 acres, together with any rights-of-way
the oil shale R, D and D lease;
you request be reserved for a preference right
e area and not exceeding 480 acres;
ed methodology for recovering oil from oil shale,
t and facilities needed to support the proposed
of laboratory and/or field tests of the proposed
of the R, D and D project and proposed plan for
ne shale oil to the market;
tions on the nominated acreage;
resources within the acreage of the nominated R, D
rea;
the method of spent oil shale disposal;

\$6,500;

potential to:

waters;

gas emissions and air pollution, including fugitive

te;

estration technology;

energy efficient technologies;

wildlife and habitat; and

r roads and infrastructure/facilities.

any multi-mineral leasing area must demonstrate

shale oil and nahcolite or demonstrate a potential

preserving the other for future recovery.

around contain substantial diligence requirements

accountability as well as to bring the new

and efficiently. Specific timeframes are included

approved activities such as submitting the Plan of

developing infrastructure, and submitting required

is not selling oil shale products or producing

and, no royalty will be collected during the lease

and, if at all, only after: 1) The lessee demonstrates

that the original lease of up to 160 acres has the

minimum quantities; 2) The BLM complies with NEPA

requirements under NEPA that commercial scale operations of the

operations do not pose environmental or social risks unacceptable

to require adequate bonding to cover all costs associated with

area, lease rights to any or all portions of the

contiguous acres, upon compliance with the

D and D lease agreement. Any commercial lease

royalties at rates established in compliance with

time of conversion.

ion per entity. A lessee may propose an

research indicates that a different technology would

commercial quantities.

