DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. (OSM)

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Availability of Mine Plan

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Surface Mining and Reclamation Plan.

SUMMARY: Pursuant of Sec. 211.5(b) of Title 30, CFR, notice is hereby given that the Office of Surface Mining has received a proposed mine plan for a coal mining and reclamation operation of Federal coal lands:

Location of Lands

Applicant: Great National Corporation (Nevada).

Mine Property Name: McCurtain No. 2 -- Federal.

State: Oklahoma.

County: Haskell.

OSM Reference No: 36-0008.

General Description of Affected Lands: Approximately 140 acres under coal lease NM 24005, located in Sections 14 and 15, T8N, R22E.

This mine is located approximately one (1) mile north of McCurtain, Oklahoma, and lies between two nonfederal tracts previously mined by the Great National Corporation under permits issued by the Oklahoma Department of Mines. The Great National Corporation is presently surface mining coal approximately one (1) mile east of the Federal lease under a permit issued by the Oklahoma Department of Mines. The company proposes to mine on 140 acres of a Federal coal lease that contain approximately 32 acres of strippable coal. The company expects to produce coal for three years or until the strippable reserves are exhausted. Mining will be open pit stripping and removal of overburden with a dragline after blasting. All coal will be shipped by rail. The reclamation plan is designed to provide productivity equal to or better than existing pastureland and rangeland. Other surface mining operations are conducted in the McCurtain area of eastern Oklahoma.

The mine plan is available for public review at Region IV, Office of Surface Mining, 818 Grand Avenue, Scarritt Building, Fifth Floor, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

The Office of Surface Mining has not yet determined whether the plan is adequate and may, during the course of its review, request additional information. Any information so obtained will also be available for public review. Prior to a final decision on this mine plan, the Office of Surface Mining will issue a Notice of Pending Decision pursuant to Section 211.5(c)(2) of Title 30, Code of Federal Regulations.

DATES: Comments on the plan should be received by the Region IV Office not later than June 30, 18/980.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Regional Director, Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement, Region IV, 818 Grand Avenue, Scarritt Building, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.