



# BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT NEWSLETTER

## New Mexico Products Pipeline

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### Introduction

The purpose of this newsletter is to:

- ❖ inform you about the Environmental Impact Statement and its process;
- ❖ invite you to become an active participant in the process during the 60 day scoping period;
- ❖ notify you of the dates and locations of upcoming scoping meetings; and
- ❖ provide you with an opportunity to comment.

### Background

Equilon Pipeline Company, LLC, proposes a 500-mile pipeline from Odessa, Texas to Bloomfield, New Mexico, carrying refined petroleum products (gasoline, diesel, aviation fuel). Approximately 400 miles of the 500-mile system uses an existing pipeline formerly used

to move crude from the Four Corners area to West Texas. Approximately 100 miles of new pipeline will be constructed in two segments; one linking Odessa, TX to the existing pipeline and the other connecting the north end of the existing pipeline to Bloomfield. The existing pipeline will be reconditioned.

Pursuant to Section 102(2) (c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management New Mexico, Albuquerque Field Office, is the lead agency directing the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the possible impacts of transporting refined petroleum products through pipelines located on Federal, State and private lands in New Mexico and Texas.

Preliminary issues identified include impacts to the following:

- Geology
- Soil
- Water resources
- Air quality



which should be addressed in the EIS being prepared by the BLM.

Scoping meetings will be held at the following locations:

**January 15, 2002— 7:00 p.m.**  
Moriarty Civic Center  
201 Broadway  
Moriarty, NM 87035

**January 16, 2002 — 7:00 p.m.**  
Placitas Elementary School  
5 Calle De Carbon  
Placitas, NM 87043

**January 17, 2002 — 7:00 p.m.**  
Bloomfield Cultural Complex  
333 South First Street  
Bloomfield, NM 87413

**January 22, 2002 — 7:00 p.m.**  
Woolworth Community Library  
3<sup>rd</sup> and Utah Street  
Jal, NM 88252

**January 23, 2002 — 7:00 p.m.**  
Ector County Library  
321 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Odessa, TX 79763

Meetings in Bloomfield and Odessa will consist of an open house hosted by the BLM, and at that time comments will be solicited from the public.

Meetings in Moriarty, Placitas and Jal will consist of an open house followed by a formal meeting. The meetings will begin with a presentation on the proposed project and the environmental process by the BLM and Equilon Pipeline Company representatives. The presentation will be followed by a discussion period where the public can provide input.

### **For More Information**

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