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BLM Extends Commenting Time Period on Natural Gas Liquids Pipeline Project

FARMINGTON, New Mexico – The time period for commenting on an Environmental Analysis (EA) for the Mid-America Pipeline Company (MAPL) proposed natural gas liquids pipeline project has been extended. Comments are now **due on August 15, 2004** to the BLM's Farmington Field Office, 1235 La Plata Highway, Suite A, Farmington, NM 87401.

The EA will analyze the potential impacts of granting rights-of-way and temporary use permits for 12 pipeline loop sections to be constructed by the Mid-America Pipeline Company (MAPL). Parallel sections of pipeline would total 202 miles along an 840-mile route between the Rock Springs Pump Station in Sweetwater County, in southwest Wyoming, and the Hobbs Pump Station in Gaines County, west Texas.

Public participation is encouraged throughout the public scoping period. Comments received will be considered and evaluated during the analysis. Individuals making written comments may request confidentiality. If individuals wish to withhold their name or street address from public review or disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, they must state this definitively at the beginning of their written comments. All submissions from organizations, businesses, and for individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

Three public meetings were held to discuss the project and MAPL representatives were on hand to present their proposal and answer questions. The BLM, lead federal agency for this project, discussed the environmental process to be used for assessing the proposal.

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