The meeting is open to the public. The
meeting topics are identified in the
Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force Mid-Atlantic
meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance
Species Task Force, Assistant Director—Fisheries & Habitat
Conservation.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force
Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic
Nuisance Species Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a
meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force Mid-Atlantic
Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species. The meeting topics are identified in the
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Mid-Atlantic Panel on
Aquatic Nuisance Species will meet
from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on Thursday,
March 31, 2005 and from 10 a.m. to 3
p.m. on Friday, April 1, 2005. Minutes
of the meeting will be available for
public inspection during regular
business hours, Monday through Friday.

ADDRESSES: The Mid-Atlantic Panel on
Aquatic Nuisance Species meeting will
be held at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Service Chesapeake Bay Field Office,
177 Admiral Cochrane Drive,
Annapolis, MD 21401. Phone (410) 573–
4517. Minutes of the meeting will
be maintained in the office of Chief,
Division of Environmental Quality, U.S.
Fish and Wildlife Service, Suite 322,
4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington,
Virginia 22203–1622.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Jennifer Greiner, Mid-Atlantic Panel on
Aquatic Nuisance Species Interim Chair
at (410) 267–5783 or Pam Meacham,
Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, at
(703) 358–1796.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant
to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal
I), this notice announces meetings of the
Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force
Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Nuisance
Species. The Task Force was established
by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance
Prevention and Control Act of 1990. The
Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Nuisance
Species was established by the ANS
Task Force in 2003. The Mid-Atlantic
Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species,
comprised of representatives from
Federal, State, local agencies and from
private environmental and commercial
interests, performs the following
activities:

a. Identifies priorities for activities in
the Mid-Atlantic region,
b. Develops and submits
recommendations to the national
Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force,
c. Coordinates aquatic nuisance
species program activities in the
Mid-Atlantic region,
d. Advises public and private
interests on control efforts, and
e. Submits an annual report to the
Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force.

The purpose of the Panel is to advise
and make recommendations to the
Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task
Force on issues relating to the Mid-
Atlantic region of the United States that
includes nine Mid-Atlantic States:
Delaware, District of Columbia,
Maryland, North Carolina, New Jersey,
New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and
West Virginia. The Mid-Atlantic Panel
on Aquatic Nuisance Species will
discuss several topics at this meeting
including: An overview of the ANS Task
Force and Regional Panels; ANS Task
Force Outreach and Education
programs; priority ANS species in North
Carolina and the Chesapeake and
Delaware Bay watersheds; regional
projects; organization, operations and
budget of the Mid-Atlantic Regional
Panel; work plan development; and the
formation of work groups.


Everett Wilson,
Acting Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Assistant Director—Fisheries & Habitat
Conservation.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Indian Affairs

Amendments to Notice of Intent To
Prepare an Environmental Impact
Statement for the Proposed Desert
Rock Energy Project, San Juan
County, NM

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public
that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is
amending its Notice of Intent To Prepare
an Environmental Impact Statement
(EIS) for the proposed Desert Rock
Energy Project, San Juan County, New
Mexico, published in the Federal
Register on November 10, 2004 (69 FR
65215), which described the proposed
action. The amendments: (1) Add the
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation
and Enforcement, the Bureau of Land
Management and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as cooperating agencies; (2) include
the mining of up to six million more tons
of coal per year from the BHP Navajo
Coal Company lease area and delivery of
that coal to the proposed power plant,
plus the issuance of permits required
under the Clean Water Act by the Army
Corps of Engineers and/or the EPA, for
analysis in the EIS; (3) announce five
more public scoping meetings to
identify potential issues and alternatives
for inclusion in the EIS; and (4) extend
the period for public comment on
scoping for the EIS.

DATES: Written comments addressing
issues or alternatives to be considered in
the EIS or other information bearing on
the EIS must arrive by April 11, 2005.
The additional public scoping meetings
will be held March 28, 29 (2 meetings),
30, and 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may mail or hand carry
written comments to Eloise Chicharello,
Director, Navajo Regional Office, Bureau
of Indian Affairs, PO Box 1060, Gallup,
New Mexico 87305.

The addresses and times for the public
scoping meetings are:
1. March 28, 2005—Cortez Middle
School Cafeteria, 450 West 2nd Street,
Cortez, Colorado, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
2. March 29, 2005—Sanostee Chapter
House, Highway 491, Navajo Nation, 10
a.m. to 2 p.m., and Burnham Chapter
House, Navajo Nation, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
3. March 30, 2005—Auxiliary
Gymnasium, Shiprock High School,
Highway 64 West, Shiprock, New
Mexico, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
4. March 31, 2005—Indian Pueblo
Cultural Center, Silver & Turquoise