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A proposed project to develop oil and gas resources within the boundaries of the Miccosukee Indian Reservation in Florida would not create significant environmental issues or concerns, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has concluded.

The BIA has prepared an environmental assessment on a proposal by Natural Resource Management Corporation, Tesoro Petroleum Corporation and American Quasar Petroleum Company to engage in explorations, development and production activity for oil and gas on the reservation.

The proposal calls for a reconnaissance survey over 76,800 acres of the reservation, drilling exploratory wells, the selection of wells for production and the construction of pipelines, tanks, and other facilities.

Potential environmental impacts of the proposal would be typical of those encountered elsewhere in nearby locations in Florida. Potential impacts on land use, wildlife habitats, and air/water qualities are judged to be either absent or insignificant and of short duration.

Single copies of the environmental assessment may be obtained from the BIA Eastern Area Office, 1951 Constitution Avenue, N, W., Washington, D. C. 20245.