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A proposed project to develop oil and gas resources on the Seminole Indian Tribe's Brighton Reservation in Florida would not create significant environmental issues or concerns, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has concluded.

The BIA has prepared an environmental assessment on a proposal by the Gulf Oil Corporation to engage in exploration, development and production of oil and gas within the boundaries of the reservation. The proposal calls for a seismic reconnaissance of some 37,000 acres of reservation land, exploratory wells and a subsequent selection of wells for production. The construction of pipelines, tanks and other facilities will be involved. According to the assessment completed by the BIA, no environmental impact statement will be required.

Short-term impacts on the environment would be typical of those encountered elsewhere in nearby locations in Florida, the BIA said, and potential impacts on land use, wildlife habitats and air/water qualities were judged to be insignificant.

Single copies of the assessment may be obtained from the BIA Eastern Area Office, 1951 Constitution Avenue, Washington, D. C. 20240 or the BIA Seminole Agency, 6075 Stirling Road, Hollywood, Florida 33024.
