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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

AGENCY: BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, OSAGE AGENCY

ACTION: NOTICE

SUMMARY: This Notice advises the public that a final Environmental Assessment (EA) and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) are available to the public and concern the approval of the following (23) drilling permit application(s) for the applicant, Tallgrass Resources, LLC, located in Osage County, Oklahoma.

Well Name(s)	Quarter, Section, Township, Range	Lease #
202	NE/4 Sec. 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East	G06-399-0
204	NE/4 Sec. 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East	G06-399-0
205	NE/4 Sec. 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East	G06-399-0
206	NE/4 Sec. 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East	G06-399-0
231	NE/4 Sec. 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East	G06-399-0
233	NE/4 Sec. 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East	G06-399-0
234	NE/4 Sec. 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East	G06-399-0
235	NE/4 Sec. 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East	G06-399-0
236	NE/4 Sec. 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East	G06-399-0
240	NE/4 Sec. 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East	G06-399-0
241	NE/4 Sec. 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East	G06-399-0
242	NE/4 Sec. 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East	G06-399-0
243	NE/4 Sec. 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East	G06-399-0
244	NE/4 Sec. 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East	G06-399-0
207	NW/4 Sec. 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East	G06-399-3
208	NW/4 Sec. 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East	G06-399-3
232	NW/4 Sec. 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East	G06-399-3
219	SE/4 Sec. 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East	G06-399-0
221	SE/4 Sec. 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East	G06-399-0
222	SE/4 Sec. 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East	G06-399-0
252	SE/4 Sec. 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East	G06-399-0

253	SE/4 Sec. 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East	G06-399-0
254	SE/4 Sec. 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East	G06-399-0

Based on the EA issued and approved by the Agency, it has been determined that the proposed action(s) will not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment; therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. This Notice is furnished as required by the U.S. Department of Interior's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations, Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), §46.305 (c), to notify the public of the availability of the EA and FONSI. The FONSI is a finding on environmental effects and not a decision to proceed with an action; therefore, it cannot be appealed. 25 CFR 2.203 requires a 30-day appeal period, after the decision to proceed with the action is made, before the action may be implemented. Appeal information will be made publicly available when the decision to proceed is made.

Executive Order 14154, *Unleashing American Energy* (Jan. 20, 2025), and a Presidential Memorandum, *Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity* (Jan. 21, 2025), require the Department to strictly adhere to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 et seq. Further, such Order and Memorandum repeal Executive Orders 12898 (Feb. 11, 1994) and 14096 (Apr. 21, 2023). Because Executive Orders 12898 and 14096 have been repealed, complying with such Orders is a legal impossibility. The Bureau of Indian Affairs verifies that it has complied with the requirements of NEPA, including the Department's regulations and procedures implementing NEPA at 43 C.F.R. Part 46 and Part 516 of the Departmental Manual, consistent with the President's January 2025 Order and Memorandum. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has also voluntarily considered the Council on Environmental Quality's rescinded regulations implementing NEPA, previously found at 40 C.F.R. Parts 1500–1508, as guidance to the extent appropriate and consistent with the requirements of NEPA and Executive Order 14154.

DATES: The Notice will be posted for 15 days from the approval date of this notice. The Final EA is available for public review online at <https://www.bia.gov/regional-offices/eastern-oklahoma-region/nepa-documents>.

ADDRESS: Comments and written requests for the EA should be addressed to: Superintendent, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Osage Agency, P.O. Box 1539, Pawhuska, Oklahoma 74056, Telephone Number: (918) 287-5700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Laura Palmer, NEPA Coordinator, Division of Environmental, Safety and Cultural Resources Management, BIA, EORO, P.O. Box 8002, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74402-8002, Telephone Number (918) 320-7922, Email: laura.palmer@bia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The BIA has approved an EA and FONSI for the proposed drilling permits located in Osage County, Oklahoma. Project activities may include drilling of the two wells, construction of the well pads and the associated infrastructure, which may include: access roads; oil, gas, and produced water gathering pipelines; buried electric and fiber optic utility lines; and temporary above-ground freshwater pipelines. Approval of the proposed project constitutes a Federal action under the governing regulations for compliance with Section 102(2) of NEPA and requires a concise public document to be prepared that analyzes environmental impacts to the human environment. The EA has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of NEPA, as amended, 516 DM 1 the DOI Handbook of NEPA Implementing Procedures, and other applicable environmental statutes and regulations.



Superintendent, Osage Agency
Eastern Oklahoma Region
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Date