

Pet. 4 hearings in Barrow and Anchorage

The Federal Energy Administration (FEA) will conduct public hearings in Alaska in conjunction with the opening of the Naval Petroleum Reserve, No. 4 adjacent to the North Slope. Deputy Regional Administrator Fred Chiei, Jr. announced the hearings as part of an over-all FEA report to be presented to the Congress by July 1, of this year.

This report will recommend procedures for the exploration, development and production of Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 4, and will include:

(A) Comments by the industry, labor organizations, consultants, geologists, support industries, Native groups and interested parties.

(B) A government operation of the Reserve VS its lease and operation by private industry.

(C) The environmental impacts that focus on specific problems and specific recommendations to ameliorate any adverse impacts to the maximum extent possible.

(D) The socio-economic impacts to include:

- The role of local and resident Native groups in participating in the development process.

- Cost to the State of Alaska and local communities of providing infrastructure facilities and related services.

- Benefit to the State of

Alaska and to local and contiguous Native groups from NPR-4 development.

- The impact of "new finds" and resultant oil and gas production on Native lands.

- Recommendations for provisions to be considered by the federal government to accommodate Natives residing within the reserve similar to the requirements for jobs for Alaskan Natives in the construction of the Alyeska Pipeline.

The public hearings will be held in two locations: Anchorage and Barrow, Alaska. The Anchorage hearing will begin at 9 a.m., Wednesday April 7, 1976 at the Loussac Li-

brary, 427 F St., Anchorage.

The hearings in Barrow will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday April 10, 1976 at the Assembly Room of the North Slope Borough Administration Building, Barrow, Alaska.

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