

USGS, BLM coordinate

Pet 4

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will coordinate in the management of Naval Petroleum Reserve No. Four (PET 4).

The Secretary of the Interior has delegated BLM responsibility for surface management on PET 4, and has delegated USGS responsibility for managing the ongoing petroleum exploration program, enforcing stipulations related to it, and operating the South Barrow gas field.

According to USGS and BLM spokesmen, the new working agreement provides for both petroleum exploration on PET 4 and precautions to minimize surface and ecological damage in accordance with the Congressional mandate.