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Dear Interested Party:

Western General, Inc. has submitted to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Tonopah Field Office (TFO), 2 Applications for Permit to Drill (APD) the Westgate 4-34 and Tom Spring 4-34 oil wells. The wells would be located in Railroad Valley in Section 4, T. 9 N., R. 57 E., and T. 8 N., R. 57 E. MDM respectively. The development of the wells would involve the construction of well pads and access roads and the issuance of a Right-of-Way for an existing road associated with the drilling of the Tom Spring 4-34. The drilling operations would require approximately 520,000 gallons of water which would be pumped from a water well located in Section 23, T. 9 N., R. 56 E., MDM.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA, the BLM-TFO has prepared two Environmental Assessments (EAs) which analyze the impacts of Western General, Inc.'s proposals. The EAs evaluate the probable direct, indirect and cumulative impacts associated with the proposals and identify, describe and evaluate standard operating procedures (SOPs) and conditions of approval (COAs) designed to mitigate their effects.

The EA will be available for a 15-day public comment period. Written comments on the EA will be accepted at the above address until 4:30 p.m., September 11, 2013. Hard copies of the EAs will be made available at the Tonopah Field Office or the EAs can be viewed on the BLM NEPA Register, which can be accessed through the BLM Battle Mountain District website at:

http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/battle_mountain_field.html

Under Links of Interest, click on the link that reads "National NEPA Register Page." To navigate to the project, scroll down and select "Nevada" from the "State(s)" list, which will populate the "Office(s)" list, then select "NV - Tonopah FO." Under "Fiscal Year(s)" select "2013" and then click the "Search" button on the right side of the screen. This will take you to a list of projects; find and select these projects (DOI-BLM-NV-B010-2013-0061-EA and DOI-BLM-NV-B010-2013-0065-EA) to display the project webpage using the link on the left.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot

guarantee that we will be able to do so. If you wish us to withhold your personal information you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

If you have any questions or to obtain a hard copy of this document, please contact Nazila Hummer, Project Lead, at the above address or at (775) 482-7840.

Sincerely,



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for* Timothy J. Coward
Acting Field Manager