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May 13, 2010

The Honorable Ken Salazar
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar:

To assist the Committee on Natural Resources in carrying out its oversight responsibilities related to the *Deepwater Horizon* incident, we request that you promptly provide to the Committee the following information:

- Unredacted copies of all documents related to regulations that were either formally proposed by the Department of the Interior, subject to internal Department of the Interior discussion, or subject to discussion with industry stakeholders since January 1, 2000, if those regulations have not yet been finalized and they would have been included in Parts 250 through 254 of Chapter 30 of the Code of Federal Regulations;
- Unredacted copies of all reports from Minerals Management Service (MMS) inspections that took place on facilities located in Mississippi Canyon Block 252 since January 1, 2009; and
- A copy of the National Potential Incident of Noncompliance (PINC) List, as well as copies of any other handbooks and training materials that are provided to MMS drilling or production inspectors.

Please produce the requested information in a timely fashion and prior to the May 26, 2010, Committee on Natural Resources hearing on "*Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Strategy and Implications of the Deepwater Horizon Rig Explosion.*"

If you have questions regarding this request, please contact Deborah Lanzone, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, at 202-225-9297.

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With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,



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Cc: S. Elizabeth Birnbaum, Director, Minerals Management Service