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Subject: MMS Request for Additional Information for the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lease Plan of Exploration, Chukchi Sea, Alaska.

Dear Ms. Childs:

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has reviewed the subject Exploration Plan (EP) submitted on August 13, 2009, and Shell's response to our August 7, 2009, completeness review comments. The MMS requests Shell provide the following additional information in order for the EP to be *deemed submitted* in accordance with 30 CFR 250.231:

1. Final reports for the following:
 - a. Baseline survey of birds in the Burger Prospect area (Gall and Day)
 - b. Baseline survey of marine mammals in the Burger Prospect area (Brueggerman)
 - c. Sound Enterprises and Associates LLC, 2008
 - d. AECOM 2009
 - e. Funk et al 2009
 - f. Ireland et al 2008
2. Air emissions information to satisfy 30 CFR 250.218 and 30 CFR 250.303.

MMS regulations at 30 CFR 250.218 states that air emissions information, as applicable, must accompany your EP. The regulations provide that information include projected emissions, emissions reduction measures, processes, equipment, fuels, and combustion, distance to shore, and a modeling report. Further, 30 CFR 250.303 provides that an EP shall include information for the Regional Supervisor of Field Operations (RSFO) to make necessary findings under 30 CFR 250.303(d) through (i).

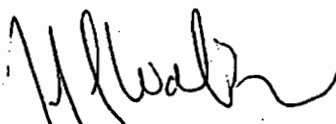
In accordance with the provisions of the Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 328 and 40 CFR 55, and the provisions of Part C to Title I of the CAA and 40 CFR 52.21, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has authority to control air pollution from OCS sources in order to attain and maintain federal and State ambient air quality standards and to comply with the

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provisions for preventing the significant deterioration of air quality. This includes the Alaska OCS. The EPA has proposed to issue an OCS; /prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) permit for you Chukchi Sea activities (EPA Permit Number: R100OCS/PSD-AK-09-01).

When complying with the MMS regulations, you may use the documents you have provided to the EPA, by cross-referencing to the applicable material. Please provide to MMS the applicable documents. If you have any questions please contact me at 907-334-5300.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Walker", written in a cursive style.

Jeff Walker
Regional Supervisor, Field Operations

If your spouse is not elected to receive a monthly survivor annuity, his or her health benefits coverage as a family member on your FEHB enrollment will terminate when you die. For information on the effect of court orders on your spouse's eligibility to receive survivor benefits, see page 5.

Box 1: If you initial box 1, your spouse's survivor annuity upon your death will be 55% of ALL of your annuity. Your annuity will be reduced by 2-1/2% of the first \$3,600 and 10% of the remainder of your annual annuity to provide this benefit upon your death.

Box 2: If you initial box 2, your spouse's survivor annuity upon your death will be 55% of the annual amount you specify in the blank space (which must be less than the full amount of your annual annuity). Your annuity will be reduced by 2-1/2% of the first \$3,600 and 10% of any additional amount you specify.

If you initial box 2, you *must* complete and attach SF 2801-2, *Spouse's Consent to Survivor Election*, to your application. The law requires consent of the spouse if a married person elects less than the maximum survivor benefit.

Box 3: If you initial box 3 you will receive an annuity payable only during your lifetime, without a monthly survivor annuity for your spouse. All retiring employees, married and unmarried, may choose this type of annuity. However, you should carefully review all information provided before making your election.

If you are married at retirement and choose this type of annuity, you *must* also complete and attach to your application SF 2801-2, *Spouse's Consent to Survivor Election*. The law requires that your spouse consent if you elect less than the maximum survivor benefit.

Box 4: If you initial box 4, a person selected by you, who has an insurable interest in you, will receive a survivor annuity upon your death. Insurable interest exists if the person named (such as a former spouse or a close relative) may reasonably expect to derive financial benefit from your continued life.

To choose this type of annuity, you must provide medical documentation showing that you are in good health. You are responsible for arranging and paying the costs of the medical examination. The medical report of the examination should be attached to your retirement application. You will be notified if additional evidence is required. **NOTE:** If you are retiring on the basis of disability, you are not eligible to choose this type of annuity.

You may elect this insurable interest survivor annuity in addition to a regular survivor annuity for a current or former spouse. However, if the person you select to receive the insurable interest survivor annuity is your current spouse, you both must waive the current spouse annuity by completing and attaching SF 2801-2 to your application. Your current spouse cannot receive both a regular survivor annuity and an insurable interest survivor annuity.

If you elect the insurable interest annuity for a current spouse because a court order awards (or you have elected) the regular survivor annuity to a former spouse, the insurable interest election for your current spouse can be converted to a current spouse annuity if the former spouse loses entitlement to the regular annuity through death or remarriage prior to reaching age 55. The marriage duration requirement (see item c on page 5) does not apply to insurable interest annuities.

If you choose to provide an insurable interest survivor annuity, the amount of the reduction in your annuity will depend upon the difference between your age and the age of the person named as survivor annuitant, as shown in the table below. The survivor's rate will be 55% of your reduced annuity.

Age of Person Named in Relation to that of Retiring Employee	Reduction in Annuity of Retiring Employee
Older, same age, or less than 5 years younger	10%
5 but less than 10 years younger	15%
10 but less than 15 years younger	20%
15 but less than 20 years younger	25%
20 but less than 25 years younger	30%
25 but less than 30 years younger	35%
30 or more years younger	40%

Box 5: If you initial box 5, you must complete the remainder of Section F. Read item f. on page 5 before making your election. If you are married and initial box 5, you must also complete and attach SF 2801-2, *Spouse's Consent to Survivor Election*, to your application.

If you initial box 5, after your death, the person(s) you elect will receive the percentage of the annuity you select. Your annuity will be reduced by 2-1/2% of the first \$3,600 and 10% of the remainder as you specify.

Section G - Information About Children

Information about your children in your annuity claim file may help to expedite the processing of claims for survivor benefits in the event of your death. Therefore, you may, if you wish, complete Section G by providing the names and the dates of birth of your unmarried dependent children under the age of 18. Also, list any child who is over the age of 18 and incapable of self-support because of a mental or physical disability incurred before age 18. Check the box headed "disabled" by the name of each child to whom this applies.

Completion of Section G is optional; the processing of your annuity application will not be delayed or otherwise affected if you do not complete it. Children will not be denied benefits after your death solely because they were not identified on your retirement application.