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Susan Childs  
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Subject: MMS *Deemed Submitted* Determination on the Shell Offshore Inc. Exploration Plan (EP): 2010 Exploration Drilling Program: Posey Blocks 6713, 67714, 6763 and 6912; Karo Blocks 6864 and 7007; Burger, Crackerjack, and SW Shoebill Prospects; OCS Lease Sale 193, Chukchi Sea, Alaska.

Dear Ms. Childs:

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has reviewed the subject 2010 Chukchi Sea Exploration Plan (EP) dated July 2009 and have deemed the EP to be *submitted* in accordance with 30 CFR 250.231(c).

The MMS has thirty calendar days after the EP has been deemed submitted to review the EP, and make the decision to approve, disapprove, or require modification to the EP.

If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Hartung at 907-334.5300.

Sincerely,

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Regional Supervisor  
Field Operations