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## BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT, REGULATION, AND ENFORCEMENT

Washington, DC 20240

The Honorable Raul M. Grijalva  
Chairman, Natural Resources Subcommittee on  
National Parks, Forests and Public Lands  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

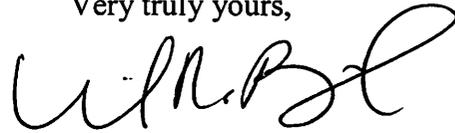
Thank you for your letter dated June 22, 2010, co-signed by Chairman Costa, requesting information to help the Committee on Natural Resources fulfill its oversight responsibilities regarding regulation of the BP Atlantis platform. Your letter requests two items: 1) "a full un-redacted copy" of the certification statement required by 30 C.F.R. § 250.905(k) as part of the application for approval of platform installation, in which BP certified structure design and location of as-built plans and specifications; and 2) "an electronic version of the as-built drawings for BP Atlantis, together with the current database and drawing log for the Atlantis that indicates the completion status of its engineering documents." Your letter explains that Mr. Ken Abbott referenced an earlier version of this database when he testified at the subcommittee hearing on June 17, 2010.

In response to your requests, I have enclosed a full un-redacted copy of the certification statement BP provided with its platform approval application, as required by 30 C.F.R. § 250.905(k) (then § 250.901(d)), and two CDs containing electronic versions of the as-built structural and general arrangement drawings for BP Atlantis that BP provided at our request in September 2009 and July 2010. Please note that although the as-built drawings are stamped confidential by BP, BP has informed us that it will not assert any interest in these documents that would prevent us from providing them to you.

With respect to the database and drawing log Mr. Abbott referenced in his testimony, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) does not maintain this database. However, our investigation team examined this database in BP's office in Houston and concluded that the database is not reliant in determining BP's compliance with current BOEMRE regulations governing certification and maintenance of engineering documents. As a result, we are not currently planning to acquire a copy of this database.

I anticipate providing you a final report of BOEMRE's investigation, which will include an explanation of BOEMRE's regulations governing engineering documents and its findings regarding BP's compliance at Atlantis, in October 2010. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 208-3500, or Ms. Lyn Herdt, Chief, BOEMRE Office of Congressional Affairs, at (202) 208-3502.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. R. Bromwich", written in a cursive style.

Michael R. Bromwich  
Director