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June 22, 2010

Mr. Michael Bromwich  
Director  
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement  
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Dear Mr. Bromwich:

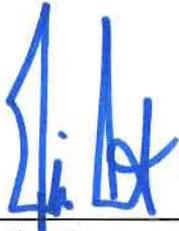
On June 17<sup>th</sup>, BLM Director Bob Abbey, then-Acting Director of the Minerals Management Service, appeared before the House Energy and Mineral Resources subcommittee. His testimony, and the hearing as a whole, provided us the welcome opportunity to learn about much-needed reforms to ensure the nation does not experience another tragedy like the one that is currently unfolding in the Gulf of Mexico.

A good portion of the discussion at the hearing centered on the BP Atlantis platform, and the question of whether that facility is in full compliance with all federal regulations regarding technical documentation. One of the pertinent regulations, at 30 CFR 250.905(j), requires that an operator on the Outer Continental Shelf, such as BP, must file a certification statement reading, "The design of this structure has been certified by a recognized classification society, or a registered civil or structural engineer or equivalent, or a naval architect or marine engineer or equivalent, specializing in the design of offshore structures. The certified design and as built plans and specifications will be on file at (give location)."

In order to help the Committee fulfill its oversight responsibilities into this matter, we request that you provide us, as soon as possible, with a full un-redacted copy of that certification, which is included with the Application for Platform Approval. We also request 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. An earlier version of that database was referenced in the testimony of Mr. Ken Abbott at the subcommittee hearing on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

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Please contact Marcos Huerta of Rep. Grijalva's staff (225-2435) or Steve Feldgus of the Subcommittee staff (225-9297) if you have any questions about this request.



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Rep. Jim Costa  
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Sincerely,



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Parks, Forests and Public Lands