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MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE
Washington, DC 20240



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The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Grijalva:

Thank you for your letter dated February 24, 2010, cosigned by your colleagues, requesting an investigation of allegations made related to environmental and safety standards for the British Petroleum's Atlantis oil and gas production facility in the Gulf of Mexico. A similar response is being sent to each signer of your letter.

As you requested, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) will conduct a full investigation of this situation. The MMS will complete its report by the end of May 2010. Be assured that MMS takes its safety and environmental responsibility most seriously.

I appreciate your interest in the safety of Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas operations. If you have any further questions, please contact me or Ms. Lyn Herdt, Chief, MMS Office of Congressional Affairs, at (202) 208-3502.

Sincerely,

S. Elizabeth Birnbaum
Director