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BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT, REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Washington, DC 20240

Mr. Nathan Frey
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
Office of Management and Budget
Docket Library, Room 10102
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20503

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Dear Mr. Frey:

Under the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320.13, we request emergency processing of the enclosed information collection request (ICR) associated with an interim final rulemaking. This information collection will affect lessees and operators on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). According to the emergency processing procedures:

(a) We have determined that:

- (1) The collection of this information is needed to begin before the expiration of time periods established under 5 CFR Part 1320 and the information is essential in carrying out the provisions of the "Increased Safety Measures for Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf Report" from the Secretary of the Interior to the President, dated May 27, 2010.
- (2) We cannot comply with normal clearance procedures because an unanticipated event has occurred, the Deepwater Horizon explosion and resulting massive oil spill, that could impact the safety of operations and prevention of environmental pollution in the OCS.

(b) We request that OMB make a decision on this emergency ICR within 5 working days of receiving it.

(c) We have not formally consulted with potential respondents on the impact of this burden due to time constraints. Our estimate of the annual burden hours is based on limited informal conversations with oil and gas industry representatives and our experience with similar documentation requirements and reports submitted.

(d) We are requesting a waiver of the 60-day and 30-day *Federal Register* notices required in 5 CFR 1320.13(d).

If you have any questions or need further information, please call Arlene Bajusz, BOEMRE Information Collection Clearance Officer on (703) 787-1025.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. R. Bromwich', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael R. Bromwich
Director

Enclosure