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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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The Honorable Doc Hastings  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Doug Lamborn  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Energy and Minerals  
Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressmen Hastings and Lamborn:

This is in response to your letter of July 20, 2010 encouraging the Office of Inspector General for the Department of the Interior (Department) to open an investigation into allegations concerning the Department's 30-day Safety Report to the President and the recommendation for a six-month deepwater drilling moratorium on the Outer Continental Shelf.

The Office of Inspector General has, in fact, been conducting an investigation into these allegations. When we have completed the investigation, we will make the results available to the public. We will ensure that you, and the other members of Congress who made a similar request, are provided a copy of the results of our investigation directly.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Kendall  
Acting Inspector General