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The Honorable Ken Salazar  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240-0001

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On April 25, 2011, we sent you a letter that requested documents, drafts and communications related to the Report of Investigation – Federal Moratorium on Deepwater Drilling Case No. PI-PI-10-0562- issued by the Office of Inspector General. Specifically, we requested the following items:

Any and all documents, referring, relating, or pertaining, directly or indirectly, to:

- a. The Executive Summary or any portion of the draft report, which was subsequently published by DOI as "Increased Safety Measures for Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf" on May 27, 2010;
- b. Drafts, revisions, excerpts, inserts, deletions, or other alterations or modifications of the Executive Summary or any portion of the draft report "Increased Safety Measures for Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf;"
- c. Witnesses or individuals interviewed or sought to be interviewed, whether formally or informally, in connection with the OIG Report of Investigation – Federal Moratorium on Deepwater Drilling, including but not limited to interview transcripts, notes, summaries, letters, or other communications;
- d. Individuals or entities including their titles and telephone and mailing contact information receiving any version, in whole or in part, of the draft report pertaining to the Increased Safety Measures for Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf and the dates on which draft reports were received; and
- e. A moratorium on drilling including but not limited to communications.

We requested that a complete written response be provided to the Committee no later than May 13, 2011. Two months have passed since this deadline, and we still have not received any written response to this letter from DOI. This is simply unacceptable.

Under the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has general and continuing oversight and investigative authority over the subject matter of the activities, policies, and programs of DOI. DOI has the responsibility and obligation to be responsive to requests for information from this Committee so it can fulfill its Constitutional oversight duties. Given DOI's failure to meet the previous deadline, we request that a complete written response be provided to the Committee no later than August 1, 2011.

Your response should be consistent with the Instructions outlined in the April 25<sup>th</sup> letter to DOI. If compliance with the document request cannot be made in full, compliance shall be made to the extent possible and shall include an explanation why full compliance is not possible. *See Instructions, ¶7.* Further, in the event that a document is withheld, in whole or in part, based on a claim of privilege, provide the following information concerning any such document: (a) the privilege asserted; (b) the type of document; (c) the general subject matter of the document; (d) the date, author and recipient; and (e) the relationship of the author and recipient to each other. Claims of privileges are considered under Committee on Natural Resources Rule 4(h) and, similar to all common-law privileges, are ultimately up to the discretion of the Committee. *See Instructions, ¶8.* This request is continuing in nature and applies to any newly discovered information. *See Instructions, ¶11.* Any record, document, compilation of data or information, not produced because it has not been located or discovered by the deadline set out in the original request, shall be produced immediately upon location or discovery subsequent thereto. *Id.* Please be advised, under the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee can compel the production of documents.

If you have any questions about this matter or to make arrangements for production, please do not hesitate to contact Traci Rodriguez, Senior Counsel, Office of Oversight and Investigations, or Tim Charters, Staff Director of the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. We look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doc Hastings".

Doc Hastings  
Chairman  
Natural Resources Committee

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doug Lamborn".

Doug Lamborn  
Subcommittee Chairman  
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