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We are assessing the feasibility of revising the current list of categorical exclusions (FSH 1909.15, Chapter 31) to include some oil and natural gas exploration and development activities. In order to complete this assessment, we need information spanning the last five fiscal years. Please complete the enclosed Worksheet A (EA Project Info), Worksheet B (EA Activity Results), and Worksheet C (FONSI and Issue Assessment) for all oil or natural gas projects in your Region.

Complete worksheet A, B, and C for all oil or natural gas projects in your Region meeting the following conditions:

- 1) Approved and constructed, or partially constructed, between October 1, 1999 and September 30, 2004.
- 2) Assessed in an Environmental Assessment (not in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Decision Memo (DM)).

If an Environmental Assessment covers many individual drill sites, assess the total project as appropriate to make a determination of the significance of effects, not necessarily each drill site within the project.

Please contact David Plunkett (540-265-5173) or Tom Collins (540-265-5152) if you have any questions.

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