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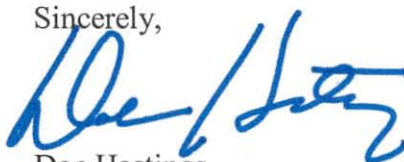
Dear Ms. Kendall:

The Committee on Natural Resources will hold an oversight hearing titled "*Oversight of the Actions, Independence and Accountability of the Acting Inspector General of the Department of the Interior*" on August 2, 2012. The Committee requests your attendance at this hearing to provide testimony and to answer questions.

In preparing for your testimony you should be prepared to answer questions on your role in overseeing the operations and actions of the Department of the Interior's ("Department") Office of Inspector General ("IG"), including circumstances surrounding 1) whether the Obama Administration intentionally misrepresented the views of engineering experts in order to justify the unilateral 6-month Gulf of Mexico drilling moratorium decision and the Administration's response to complaints by the engineering experts, 2) actions by the Office of Inspector General concerning its investigation into these matters, 3) the IG's response to a Committee subpoena for documents, 4) the independence and effectiveness of an Inspector General in an Acting capacity, and 5) previous testimony before the Committee by the Acting Inspector General, and other matters.

The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 2, 2012 at 1324 Longworth House Office Building. Enclosed with this letter are the parameters regarding written and oral testimony. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please have your staff contact Tim Charters, Staff Director of the Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee at 202-225-2761.

Sincerely,



Doc Hastings
Chairman

Enclosure