



# United States Department of the Interior

## BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Alaska OCS Region

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BP Exploration (Alaska), Inc.  
Ms. Pauline Ruddy  
Land Use Permitting and Compliance Advisor  
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Dear Ms. Ruddy:

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Alaska Region (BOEM AKR) has reviewed the BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc. (BPXA) *Notice to Conduct Ancillary Activities Liberty 2014 Shallow Geohazard Survey Liberty Development Beaufort Sea, Alaska* (dated February 14, 2014). The BPXA ancillary activities in this notice consist of geotechnical and seabottom activities in support of the Liberty Development (OCS Lease Y-1650 and Y-1585). The notice describes on-lease ancillary activities as defined in 30 CFR 550.105 and 30 CFR 550.207.

BOEM has evaluated the notification under the process outlined in 30 CFR 550.209 and concludes that, subject to the conditions listed below, the ancillary activities described in the notice comply with the performance standards under 30 CFR 550.202(a), (b), (d), and (e). The conditions are:

- Adhere to the Biological Opinion and Conference Opinion for Oil and Gas Activities in the Beaufort and Chukchi Sea Planning Areas (May 8, 2012) prepared by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS);
- Adhere to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7(a)(2) Biological Opinion - Oil and Gas Leasing and Exploration Activities in the U.S. Beaufort and Chukchi Seas, Alaska - NMFS Consultation Number: F/AKR/2011/0647 (April 2, 2013); and
- Provide BOEM a copy of the Incidental Harassment Authorization for the Liberty 2014 Shallow Geohazard Survey, Beaufort Sea.

We ask that BPXA also:

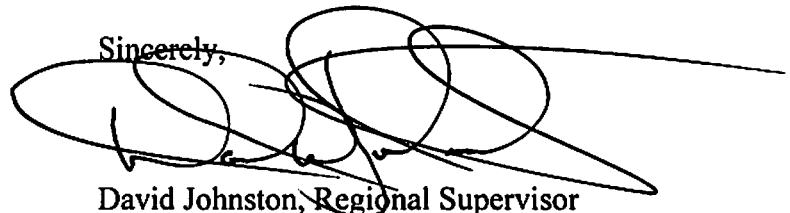
- Inform BOEM of BPXA's meetings or consultations with federal agencies, communities, and resource organizations;
- Provide BOEM and BSEE with daily operations, safety, and environmental compliance reports; and
- Provide BOEM, for submission to the Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (AK SHPO), a brief report of the sub-bottom data and of any Pleistocene landforms that may contain

archeological sites. This analysis must be performed by a qualified archaeologist and include a summary and analysis of the data obtained or information derived from the ancillary activities.

BPXA is responsible for notifying and complying with all other agencies that have regulatory authority associated with the ancillary activities, and must notify BOEM in writing at least 15 calendar days before conducting other activities not described in the notification, pursuant to 30 CFR 550.208(b)(1).

If you have questions, please contact Bill Ingersoll, BOEM AKR Chief of the Plans Section at 907-334-5224, 907-306-4381 or via email at [william.ingersoll@boem.gov](mailto:william.ingersoll@boem.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Johnston', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

David Johnston, Regional Supervisor  
Office of Leasing and Plans

cc: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 7 Regional Director  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 7 Endangered Species  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 Oil & Gas Sector Management  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 Alaska Operations Office  
U.S. Coast Guard, Alaska  
Bureau of Safety Environmental and Enforcement, Alaska Region, Regional Director  
Bureau of Safety Environmental and Enforcement, Chief, Environmental Enforcement  
Division  
Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Office of Project Management  
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Commissioner's Office  
North Slope Borough Mayor  
North Slope Borough, Office of Government Affairs  
North Slope Borough, Planning Department  
North Slope Borough, Department of Wildlife Management  
Native Village of Kaktovik  
Native Village of Nuiqsut  
City of Kaktovik  
City of Nuiqsut  
City of Barrow  
Village of Barrow  
Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope  
Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission  
Alaska Ice Seal Committee  
Alaska Beluga Whale Committee  
Alaska Nanuuq Commission