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The Honorable Raul M. Grijalva
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Grijalva:

As you know, you sent a letter, dated February 24, 2010, and cosigned by more than 30 of your colleagues, requesting an investigation into allegations related to environmental and safety standards for BP's Atlantis oil and gas production facility in the Gulf of Mexico. In my letter dated August 20, 2010, I provided an update to you and your cosigners that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) would soon complete a final report of our investigation.

BOEMRE's Investigation and Review Unit has made significant progress on the investigation. BOEMRE investigators have reviewed over 3,400 drawings and documents and interviewed numerous BP employees, BP contractors, and the whistleblower who made the original allegations.

As the report was being finalized, new information came to light on which BOEMRE must follow up. It is critical that this investigation be thorough and comprehensive. A final report will be provided to you when the investigation concludes.

A similar letter is being sent to your cosigners. I appreciate your interest in the safety of Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas operations. If you have any further questions, please contact Lyn Herdt, Chief, BOEMRE, Office of Congressional Affairs, at (202) 208-3502.

Very truly yours,

Michael R. Bromwich
Director