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Dear Fellow Employees:

It has certainly is an emotional time for MMS. In the past few weeks, we have had the excitement of the Secretary's direction to begin the planning for a new 5 year program and also the disappointment to learn of a former employee entering into a plea agreement concerning illegal activities surrounding a post employment contract. If there is any benefit to the latter, it is the reminder that as Federal employees, we have a high standard to maintain and we must, at all times, remember how we do something is as important as the actual doing. All eyes are upon us when something isn't done correctly, but little attention is given to the thousands of employment contracts that are properly secured and the 1700 plus employees who do their jobs every day, every week and every year, without the specter of impropriety. Thank you and hold your heads high.

Unfortunately, this may not be the end. I understand there are more possibilities of similar announcements as some IG and other investigations are wrapping up. We will deal with them as they come. As always, we welcome thoughtful recommendations for improvement. We are committed to correcting what may have been done incorrectly. We will move forward, but not blindly. Above all, remember what you do is important to our country, our economy and our energy reliability. I am committed to support you in your efforts. Best to you and your families in these "it certainly isn't boring" times.

Randall Luthi