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Mr. Jeff Ruch Executive Director, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility 2000 P Street NW, Suite 240 Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Ruch:

This letter is to acknowledge the receipt of your Complaint of Scientific and Scholarly Misconduct filed on behalf of Dr. Charles Monnett of the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE).

The Complaint alleges that BOEMRE Director Michael Bromwich, Regional Director (Acting) James Kendall, and Deputy Regional Director Jeffery Loman and others are guilty of scientific and scholar misconduct.

An inquiry is being conducted into those allegations.

Sincerely.

Ralph O. Morgenweck Department of the Interior Scientific Integrity Officer

