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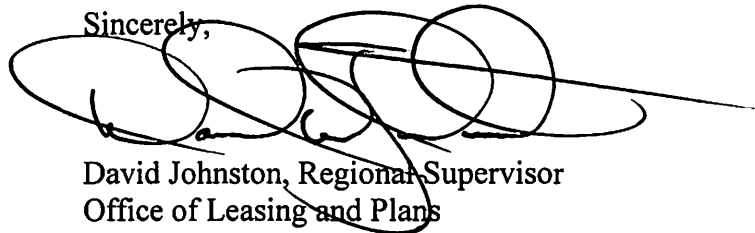
Dear Ms. Devaris:

Thank you for partnering with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Alaska OCS Region, during the Shell 2015 open water exploration drilling season. The detailed weather information provided by the National Weather Service (NWS) informed BOEM and other federal and State of Alaska agencies of emerging storm events and ice conditions, including forecasting ice encroachment over the drilling site, throughout the duration of Shell's mobilization, exploratory drilling, and de-mobilization activities this year in the Chukchi Sea.

This critical and time sensitive support allowed BOEM and other federal agencies to more carefully carry out their oversight responsibilities. Your staff developed and presented comprehensive and easily understood sea and aviation weather forecasts for exploration activity on the lease and along the resupply transit routes between the Dutch Harbor and Chukchi Sea, which contributed to overall safety of exploration operations this year. The NWS participation in weekly meetings with the Federal Arctic OCS Interagency Protected Species Observer meetings also was highly valued by all participating agencies.

The cooperation and ease of engagement with your agency's personnel is worthy of recognition. Your assistance in ensuring the safety of exploratory drilling operations in the Chukchi Sea this year is an outstanding example of interagency coordination, and clearly demonstrates NWS dedication to protecting lives and property.

Sincerely,



David Johnston, Regional Supervisor
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cc: Carven Scott, National Weather Service Alaska Region
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