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Mr. M. J. Skitmore, Northstar Manager
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Dear Mr. Skitmore:

We have reviewed your April 29, 1997, letter regarding the Annual Status Report Northstar Unit, Plan of Development North Slope, Alaska. The activities described in the Annual Status Report are consistent with your approved Unit Plan of Development and continues to meet the obligations for the unit and associated Suspension of Operations for Federal leases OCS-Y 0179 and OCS-Y 0181.

The 1997 work commitments include interpretation and integration of the 3-D survey completed in October 1996 with a preliminary reservoir description. The results of these efforts should be submitted to the MMS as soon as completed. I also endorse the recommendation in the letter dated May 14, 1997, from Ken Boyd, Director, Division of Oil and Gas, that BP make a presentation to the MMS and the State in the third quarter of 1997.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Walker

Jeff Walker
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