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Dear Mr. Nelson:

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has reviewed the worse-case-discharge (WCD) model submitted by ConocoPhillips in support of its *Chukchi Sea Devils Paw Exploration Plan (EP)*. The EP proposes six wells: DP-1D, DP-2D, DP-3, DP-4, DP-5, and DP-6. The BOEM has determined that the WCD model presented in Appendix E, with related WCD information for the wells received as of June 05, 2012, is complete.

The BOEM, Resource Evaluation Section, has conducted a verification of the WCD model. The verification process involved the construction of an independent model for the WCD reservoir and well identified by ConocoPhillips. The independent BOEM verification model for the WCD reservoir in the Devils Paw EP finds that the WCD rates, and cumulative volumes, are less than corresponding values reported by ConocoPhillips. The ConocoPhillips WCD model results are thus verified as a "worst case" by the independent BOEM WCD model.

If you have any questions please contact me at (907) 334-5273, or Daniel Hartung at (907) 334-5304.

Sincerely,

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