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June 14, 2022

Steven Welch
Agency Records Officer
United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
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Dear Steven Welch,

Thank you for your letter dated June 9, 2022 notifying the National Archives Records Administration (NARA) of the potential loss or damage to electronic records from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM).

Your letter indicated that the Alaska Region Outer Continental Shelf Rule documents from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Office of the Director were stored on compact discs (CD) at the Bureau's regional office in Sterling, VA, but are no longer retrievable on these CDs.

NARA acknowledges that BOEM is currently investigating whether or not copies of the records are filed elsewhere, and will submit a full report in accordance with 36 CFR 1230 by July 10, 2022. I appreciate your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please contact me at laurence.brewer@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

LAURENCE BREWER
Chief Records Officer
for the U.S. Government

cc: David Alspach, DOI Departmental Records Officer



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July 6, 2022

Steven Welch
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Dear Steven Welch,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) received the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's (BOEM) final report regarding the potential loss or damage to BOEM electronic records.

BOEM's report indicated that approximately 75-100 electronic records regarding the Alaska Region Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Rule, covering calendar years 2013-2014, were stored on two compact discs (CDs) that are no longer readable and all stored records have been lost.

The unretrievable records include the Hodor Alaska OCS Rule Documents (through 12/6/2013) and the Alaska Rule 1/15/2014 version: BOEM, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, and Office of the Solicitor Edits. All lost files were scheduled as permanent records under disposition authority DAA-0048-2013-0008-0004.

NARA acknowledges that all attempts to salvage or reconstruct the lost records were unsuccessful, and to mitigate any future losses, BOEM has initiated the immediate upload of any permanent records currently stored on CDs to the Department's electronic records management system or to other acceptable electronic repositories.

Based on the information provided, BOEM has satisfied all reporting requirements of 36 CFR 1230.14(a) and NARA now considers this matter closed. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laurence V. Brewer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L' and a distinct 'V'.

LAURENCE BREWER
Chief Records Officer
for the U.S. Government

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