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Dear Reviewer:

In accordance with provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), we enclose for your review the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) *Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Effects of Oil and Gas Activities in the Arctic*.

This Supplemental DEIS is prepared pursuant to NEPA to assess the environmental impacts associated with NOAA proceeding with the issuance of Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) incidental take authorizations for the take of marine mammals incidental to conducting oil and gas exploration activities in the U.S. Arctic Ocean. The intended effect of carrying out the proposed action is to ensure compliance with Section 101(a)(5) of the MMPA.

Additional copies of the Supplemental DEIS may be obtained by contacting the responsible official at the address shown below or by accessing the project website at:  
<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/eis/arctic.htm>.

Written comments on the Supplemental DEIS should be directed via mail, fax, or electronic mail to the responsible official identified below by Tuesday, May 28, 2013.

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Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). To submit comments via the e-Rulemaking Portal, enter NOAA-NMFS-2013-0054 in the keyword search. Locate the document you wish to comment on from the resulting list and click on the "Comment Now" icon on the right of that line.

Sincerely,

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