

appropriate for local, regional, or single Tribe issues.

The Bureau or Office will solicit the views of affected Tribes regarding the process timeline to meaningfully consider a Departmental Action with Tribal Implications. The Bureau or Office should make all reasonable efforts to comply with the expressed views of the affected Tribes regarding the process timeline at this Stage, taking into account the level of impact, the scope, and the complexity of the issues involved in the Departmental Action with Tribal Implications, along with the other factors driving the schedule. The process will be open and transparent.

If the Bureau or Office determines that the Administrative Procedure Act or other Federal law or regulation expressly prohibits continued discussion at a specified point in the decision-making process, the Bureau or Office should so inform the Tribes at the outset of this Stage in the process.

3. Implementation of Final Federal Action Stage.

In addition to any formal notice required by law or regulation, final decisions on Departmental Action with Tribal Implications should be communicated in writing to affected Tribes, with a summarized explanation of the final decision.

A Bureau or Office may consider implementing a post-consultation review process where it is consistent with law, regulations, and EO 13175. Any review process shall not limit the Department's deliberative process privilege regarding internal considerations or any other applicable privilege. The Bureau or Office at this Stage will consider the need for training or technical assistance.

F. Impact of Consultation Guidelines. Consultation as described in this Section is not a basis for the Department to preclude requests or recommendations by Bureaus, Offices, or Indian Tribes to collaborate and foster trusting relationships between the Department and Indian Tribes outside of the processes described in this Section. Exigent circumstances may allow the Department to take measures that deviate from this Policy, but the Department should make every effort to comply and should explain to Indian Tribes as soon as exigent circumstances arise.

VIII. Supplemental Policies

Bureaus and Offices, in collaboration with the TGO, are to review existing policies that may be impacted by this Policy. All Bureau and Office policies are to conform to this Policy. Where necessary, a Bureau or Office may

develop a new policy in order to conform to this Policy.

Consistent with Federal appropriations law, the Department shall develop a policy for consultation with Alaska Native Corporations. The Policy will address when a Department action impacts an Alaska Native Corporation's interest. The Policy will not conflict with the requirements of this document. The Secretary's designee will provide a Plan of Action for developing the Alaska Native Corporation consultation policy. Other entities that are not Bureaus or Offices as defined in this Policy may develop policies that conform to this Policy. Other entities may develop such policies in coordination with the TGO.

IX. Disclaimer

Except to the extent already established by law, this Policy is intended only to improve the internal management of the Department, and is not intended to create any right, benefit, or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by a party against the Department or any person. The Department also does not waive any applicable privilege that it may hold by virtue of this Policy.

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Laura Daniel Davis,
Chief of Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE)

Notice on Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sales

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: List of restricted joint bidders.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement by the joint bidding provisions of 30 CFR 256.41, each entity within one of the following groups shall be restricted from bidding with any entity in any other of the following groups at Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas lease sales to be held during the bidding period May 1, 2011, through October 31, 2011. The List of Restricted Joint Bidders published in the **Federal Register** on January 24, 2011, covered the period November 1, 2010, through April 30, 2011.

Group I.

Exxon Mobil Corporation,
ExxonMobil Exploration Company.

Group II.

Shell Oil Company,
Shell Offshore Inc.,
SWEPI LP,
Shell Frontier Oil & Gas Inc.,
SOI Finance Inc.,
Shell Gulf of Mexico Inc.

Group III.

BP America Production Company,
BP Exploration & Production Inc.,
BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc.,

Group IV.

Chevron Corporation,
Chevron U.S.A. Inc.,
Chevron Midcontinent, L.P.,
Unocal Corporation,
Union Oil Company of California,
Pure Partners, L.P.

Group V.

ConocoPhillips Company,
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.,
Phillips Pt. Arguello Production Company,
Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP,
Burlington Resources Offshore Inc.,
The Louisiana Land and Exploration Company,
Inexco Oil Company.

Group VI.

Eni Petroleum Co. Inc.,
Eni Petroleum US LLC,
Eni Oil US LLC,
Eni Marketing Inc.,
Eni BB Petroleum Co.,
Eni US Operating Co. Inc.,
Eni BB Pipeline LLC.

Group VII.

Petrobras America Inc.,
Petroleo Brasileiro S.A.

Group VIII.

Statoil ASA,
Statoil Gulf of Mexico LLC,
Statoil USA E&P Inc.,
Statoil Gulf Properties Inc.

Group IX.

Total E&P, Inc.

Dated: April 27, 2011.

Michael R. Bromwich,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Announcement of National Geospatial Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.