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Re: Fw: Question on offshore fracking

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Ming, Jaron <jaron.ming@bsee.gov>

Mon, Dec 17, 2012 at 1:16 PM

To: "Barminski, Joan" <joan.barminski@boem.gov>

Cc: Drew Mayerson <drew.mayerson@bsee.gov>

I'm available after 3 pm and I would like to have Drew meet with us as well. Just let me know what time works best for you. Thanks.

On Mon, Dec 17, 2012 at 11:58 AM, Barminski, Joan <joan.barminski@boem.gov> wrote:

Jaron, I'd like to discuss with you today, so that I can respond to BOEM management this afternoon. Thanks.

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From: **Walter Cruickshank** <walter.cruickshank@boem.gov>

Date: Mon, Dec 17, 2012 at 11:01 AM

Subject: Fw: Question on offshore fracking

To: ellen.aronson@boem.gov, joan.barminski@boem.gov

Cc: Emily.Lindow@boem.gov

I can't read the attachment on the berry, but from the title, looks like it should go to you. Please let mw know what you think.

Thanks,
Walter

From: Cannuscio, Lisa [mailto:lisa_cannuscio@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Monday, December 17, 2012 11:00 AM

To: Walter Cruickshank <walter.cruickshank@boem.gov>

Subject: Question on offshore fracking

Ciao!

Tom Lillie suggested I check with you on whether BOEM has an interest in this topic at this time. I have a Write-in Campaign and some public comment letters on both onshore and offshore hydraulic fracturing on California coast (Venoco).

Could you please give a brief review and let me know what you think - whether BOEM or BLM?

Thank you!
-Lisa

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From: **Lillie, Thomas** <thomas.lillie@bsee.gov>

Date: Mon, Dec 17, 2012 at 12:37 PM

Subject: Re: BSEE Correspondence update

To: "Gregory, John" <john.gregory@bsee.gov>

Cc: "Cannuscio, Lisa" <lisa_cannuscio@ios.doi.gov>, Anita Childs <anita.childs@bsee.gov>

On shore fracing is BLM. Offshore would go to BOEM if it is being proposed for the Federal OCS.

On Mon, Dec 17, 2012 at 12:04 PM, Gregory, John <john.gregory@bsee.gov> wrote:
This is what is listed in CATS:

11/14 mailed to Chuck Barbee for response.

John

On Mon, Dec 17, 2012 at 12:02 PM, Cannuscio, Lisa <lisa_cannuscio@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Ciao!

Could you please provide an update on the following:

ESO 42584 Simpson

Also, please let me know if these letters fall within BSEE's purview (Venoco Oil Company and hydraulic fracturing in California). We have a Write-In Campaign on fracking onshore and offshore, and I am trying to determine if it should go to BSEE or BLM.

Grazie!
-Lisa

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Mayerson, Drew <drew.mayerson@bsee.gov>
To: "Ming, Jaron" <jaron.ming@bsee.gov>

Mon, Dec 17, 2012 at 1:28 PM

Jaron,
I'll be there. Ordinarily fracking would be a downhole operation similar other downhole operations. It is permitted using an APM and has never (to my knowledge) been an event that need be placed in the DPP. It is essentially an primary recovery methodology like acid stimulation....although the pumps may be more powerful. I'm not an expert.

Also, I believe we've only had two instances when fracking was done. One by Venoco, and possibly one by PXP at Irene.

Drew

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Barminski, Joan <joan.barminski@boem.gov>
To: Jaron Ming <jaron.ming@bsee.gov>, Drew Mayerson <drew.mayerson@bsee.gov>

Tue, Dec 18, 2012 at 11:18 AM

hi, we need to discuss again, as outlined needs in Lillie's message below involve BOEM and BSEE Pacific as well as some HQ in BOEM, from what I can see. WE need to come up with a plan to address. I have asked what the due date is from HQ and IOS.

—— Forwarded message ——
From: **Walter Cruickshank** <walter.cruickshank@boem.gov>
Date: Tue, Dec 18, 2012 at 9:02 AM
Subject: Fw: Fw: Question on offshore fracking
To: joan.barminski@boem.gov, ellen.aronson@boem.gov
Cc: Emily.Lindow@boem.gov

I still can't read the letter, but looks like we might need both bureaus weighing in. See Tom Lillie's e-mail below.

From: Lillie, Thomas [mailto:thomas.lillie@bsee.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2012 06:06 AM
To: Walter Cruickshank <walter.cruickshank@boem.gov>
Subject: Re: Fw: Question on offshore fracking

Walter: I reviewed the letter regarding fracking offshore California. It alleges that fracking has occurred at a platform operated by Venoco off the Santa Barbara coast. The author makes a statement, but provides no evidence to support it. The response should address: (1) has Venoco or any other operator actually conducted any fracking offshore California as alleged in the letter (a BSEE issue); (2) is the alleged activity being conducted in the Federal OCS or state offshore property (a BOEM issue); (3) has fracking ever been considered in a five-year plan and been assessed in any NEPA document for the area in question (i.e., is it even allowed; a BOEM issue); (4) if so, has Venoco or any other operator ever submitted an application for permit to conduct fracking in the Pacific Region (a BSEE issue). Let me know when you get in. Thanks. Tom

On Mon, Dec 17, 2012 at 7:54 PM, Walter Cruickshank <walter.cruickshank@boem.gov> wrote:

Okay. I'll look at it when I get back too.

From: Thomas Lillie [mailto:thomas.lillie@bsee.gov]

Sent: Monday, December 17, 2012 05:53 PM

To: walter.cruickshank@boem.gov <walter.cruickshank@boem.gov>

Subject: Re: Fw: Question on offshore fracking

My comment is based on discussion with Lisa in Exec Sec. I will need to look at the letter in the morning.

From: Walter Cruickshank [mailto:walter.cruickshank@boem.gov]

Sent: Monday, December 17, 2012 04:47 PM

To: thomas.lillie@bsee.gov <thomas.lillie@bsee.gov>

Subject: Re: Fw: Question on offshore fracking

I can't read the letter on my blackberry (I'm stuck in SC -- all flights cancelled). Does the incoming point to NEPA or environmental review more generally?

From: Thomas Lillie [mailto:thomas.lillie@bsee.gov]

Sent: Monday, December 17, 2012 05:37 PM

To: walter.cruickshank@boem.gov <walter.cruickshank@boem.gov>

Subject: Re: Fw: Question on offshore fracking

Has there been an EIS to assess the environmental consequences of fracking on the OCS? How can we begin to review permit requests without that?

From: Walter Cruickshank [mailto:walter.cruickshank@boem.gov]

Sent: Monday, December 17, 2012 04:11 PM

To: thomas.lillie@bsee.gov <thomas.lillie@bsee.gov>

Subject: Fw: Fw: Question on offshore fracking

Tom,

Looks like this is coming full circle. Both the BOEM and BSEE folks in PACR think this is a BSEE matter. (See below)

Walter

From: Barminski, Joan [mailto:joan.barminski@boem.gov]

Sent: Monday, December 17, 2012 04:57 PM

To: Walter Cruickshank <walter.cruickshank@boem.gov>
Cc: ellen.aronson@boem.gov <ellen.aronson@boem.gov>; Emily.Lindow@boem.gov <Emily.Lindow@boem.gov>
Subject: Re: Fw: Question on offshore fracking

Walter,

Discussed here with RD Jaron Ming and Drew Mayerson, BSEE Pacific. We agree (as does Ellen) that this is BSEE's purview for offshore areas. Downhole activity that would be permitted on a well basis via an Application for Permit to Modify (APM) at the District Office level. I recommend that the inquiry be redirected to BSEE.

Joan

On Mon, Dec 17, 2012 at 11:57 AM, Barminski, Joan <joan.barminski@boem.gov> wrote:

Walter, will consider here, and discuss with BSEE as fracking is usually considered to be a well operation and would reside as a permit approval with BSEE in the District Office. I will clarify with folks here and get back to you and Emily as soon as possible.

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Tue, Dec 18, 2012 at 11:30 AM

Ok. A conference call maybe?

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Mon, Jan 7, 2013 at 4:13 PM

I have received hard copies of the letters from BSEE HQ. Would you like to meet to discuss tomorrow? Thanks.

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Barminski, Joan <joan.barminski@boem.gov>
To: "Ming, Jaron" <jaron.ming@bsee.gov>
Cc: Drew Mayerson <drew.mayerson@bsee.gov>

Mon, Jan 7, 2013 at 4:43 PM

tomorrow would be good. Time available except for 9-1030, and 330-430. Also don't know when Ekholm meeting with BOEM is yet.

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To: "Barminski, Joan" <joan.barminski@boem.gov>
Cc: Drew Mayerson <drew.mayerson@bsee.gov>

Mon, Jan 7, 2013 at 4:58 PM

Ok. Let's try for 2 pm and see how the IT meetings develop. Thanks.

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