

From: [Morris, Charisa](#)
To: [Stephen Guertin](#)
Subject: Fwd: SO 3349 Memo status check
Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 11:48:17 AM

FYI - should we just send Refuges revised memo up, solo?

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From: **Matson, Noah** <noah_matson@fws.gov>
Date: Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 12:28 PM
Subject: Re: SO 3349 Memo status check
To: Charisa Morris <charisa_morris@fws.gov>
Cc: Jerome Ford <Jerome_ford@fws.gov>

No. ES had to write some new sections. Will have to be tomorrow.

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On Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 12:20 PM, Charisa Morris <charisa_morris@fws.gov> wrote:

Is it coming this way anytime soon?

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [Martinez, Cynthia](#)
To: [Charisa Morris](#)
Cc: [Stephen Guertin](#)
Subject: Fwd: SO 3349 policy review of Management of Non-Federal Oil and Gas Rights
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 12:28:35 PM
Attachments: [Information Memorandum SO3349 Oil Gas Response FINAL 4-14-17.docx](#)

As requested, the electronic version of the BP.

Thanks,
Cynthia

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From: **Sanchez, Shaun** <shaun_sanchez@fws.gov>
Date: Tue, Apr 18, 2017 at 1:25 PM
Subject: Fwd: SO 3349 policy review of Management of Non-Federal Oil and Gas Rights
To: Cynthia Martinez <cynthia_martinez@fws.gov>

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From: **Rupert, Jeff** <jeff_rupert@fws.gov>
Date: Fri, Apr 14, 2017 at 9:21 AM
Subject: SO 3349 policy review of Management of Non-Federal Oil and Gas Rights
To: Shaun Sanchez <shaun_sanchez@fws.gov>, "Martinez, Cynthia T." <cynthia_martinez@fws.gov>
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We are scheduled to brief AS-FWP Monday on the SO 3349 policy review of the Non-Federal Oil and Gas rule; please see attached.

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Information Memorandum for the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Date: April 17, 2017

From: Cynthia Martinez, Assistant Director for Refuges, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)
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Subject: Response to the deliverable Section 5.c. (iv) of Secretary Order 3349 – “American Energy Independence”

I. Introduction

In 1960, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) first promulgated regulations to govern the exercise of non-Federal mineral rights on lands and waters in the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS). These regulations lacked a specific process for providing operators access and use of refuge to conduct operations while also minimizing impacts to refuge resources and uses. Reports from the Government Accountability Office and the Office of Inspector General identified these deficiencies in the FWS’s management of non-Federal oil and gas operations and recommended promulgating regulations to clarify and improve the process. In 2013, the FWS began a rulemaking effort to resolve these deficiencies that culminated in the finalization of the oil and gas rule (Rule) entitled, “Management of Non-Federal Oil and Gas Rights,” 81 Fed. Reg. 79948 (Nov. 14, 2016).

II. Background

The March 28, 2017, Presidential Executive Order (EO) entitled “Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth” instructed the Secretary of Interior to review the FWS’s Rule to ensure it is consistent with the policy set forth in section 1 of the EO.

On March 29, 2017, the Secretary signed Order (SO) 3349, “American Energy Independence,” which required the FWS to conduct a policy review, within 21 days of the SO, of the Rule and report on whether the Rule is fully consistent with that policy.

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