

**From:** [Morris, Charisa](#)  
**To:** [Matson, Noah](#)  
**Cc:** [Stephen Guertin](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Submitted Report Regarding SO 3349 - Potentially Burdensome Actions  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 23, 2018 2:03:32 PM  
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**From:** **Morris, Charisa** <[charisa\\_morris@fws.gov](mailto:charisa_morris@fws.gov)>  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 26, 2017 at 9:56 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Submitted Report Regarding SO 3349 - Potentially Burdensome Actions  
**To:** "Rushing, Anya" <[anya\\_rushing@fws.gov](mailto:anya_rushing@fws.gov)>  
**Cc:** Casey Hammond <[casey\\_hammond@ios.doi.gov](mailto:casey_hammond@ios.doi.gov)>

You're right! Final was in DTS (attached) - I just compared it to the signed version and they appear identical.

On Wed, Apr 26, 2017 at 8:50 AM, Rushing, Anya <[anya\\_rushing@fws.gov](mailto:anya_rushing@fws.gov)> wrote:  
No, unless it was updated to DTS.

Anya Rushing  
Biological Analyst and Briefing Book Lead  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
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On Wed, Apr 26, 2017 at 9:48 AM, Morris, Charisa <[charisa\\_morris@fws.gov](mailto:charisa_morris@fws.gov)> wrote:  
This is the latest I have (6 days old). Anya, do you have a more recent version?

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**From:** **Jerome Ford** <[jerome\\_ford@fws.gov](mailto:jerome_ford@fws.gov)>  
**Date:** Thu, Apr 20, 2017 at 1:16 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Submitted Report Regarding SO 3349 - Potentially Burdensome Actions  
**To:** Charisa Morris <[charisa\\_morris@fws.gov](mailto:charisa_morris@fws.gov)>, Anya Rushing <[anya\\_rushing@fws.gov](mailto:anya_rushing@fws.gov)>

FYI

Jerome E. Ford  
Assistant Director  
Migratory Birds Program

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**From:** Jerome Ford <[jerome\\_ford@fws.gov](mailto:jerome_ford@fws.gov)>  
**Date:** April 20, 2017 at 12:46:14 PM EDT  
**To:** Cynthia Martinez <[cynthia\\_martinez@fws.gov](mailto:cynthia_martinez@fws.gov)>, Gary Frazer <[gary\\_frazer@fws.gov](mailto:gary_frazer@fws.gov)>  
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Team,

Attached is the report Steve will forward to Casey. I want to thank you and your staff for providing information and your comprehensive review this morning. I am hopeful that our product will move forward without delay.

Again thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Jerome

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In Reply Refer To:  
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To: Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks

From: Director

Subject: Response to the deliverable Section 5.c. (iv) of Secretary’s Order 3349 – “American Energy Independence”

**I. Introduction**

In 1960, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) 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 consistent process for providing operators access and use of refuge surface to conduct operations while also minimizing impacts to refuge resources and uses. Reports from the Government Accountability Office (2003 and 2007) and the Office of Inspector General (2015) identified these deficiencies in the Service management of non-Federal oil and gas operations and recommended promulgating regulations to clarify and improve the process. In 2013, the Service 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 Service’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 Secretary’s Order (SO) 3349, “American Energy Independence,” which required the Service 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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