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Sent: Thu Mar 08 2018 14:54:42 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "McBee, Lisa A" <lisa.a.mcbee@exxonmobil.com>, "McKee, Shelbi M" <shelbi.m.mckee@exxonmobil.com>
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Hello All:

One point that I neglected to emphasize today is that when images of seismic lines are presented in public or published, the location of each image is concealed. In some cases, no location is shown. In most cases, a generalized location is shown, but the location is larger than lease-sale blocks. This is a stipulation of seismic vendors when they consider approving a request to show/publish images of their data. I can provide examples of location maps that we have published if that would be of use as you finalize your opinion. This stipulation is intended to avoid an unscrupulous company from identifying locations of oil or gas prospects that could be leased and drilled based on images shown in public or published.

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Thanks for your time and effort in evaluating the questions raised by the USGS regarding the 1984-1985 ANWR 2-D seismic survey!

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Thanks, Shelbi!

It was confirmed earlier this week that the 84-85 2D ANWR data we are reprocessing will remain proprietary and that the USGS will not show any derived images in public or publications. Tim and Tony have reviewed the ANILCA legislation and much of the 80s vintage correspondence and should be able to provide the documentation you seek.

On a different topic, any progress on the NDA related to oil samples from elsewhere in Alaska? I will be in Houston next week, so feel free to text or call my cell if you're ready for a signature:

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Cheers,

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Hello Tony and Tim:

Would it be possible to respond to this inquiry from Shelbi McKee (ExxonMobil)? All she needs is a short statement that addresses the three bullets in her email. If you cannot address the third bullet directly, I can send her a statement pertaining to USGS maintaining the confidentiality of the data.

ExxonMobil is willing to provide the USGS with small segments of the original data that are missing from our archive, apparently because of magnetic media deterioration. We need these segments to complete the ongoing seismic processing.

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