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Attn: Lars Sunde, Exploration Manager

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Dear Mr. Sunde:

Thank you for providing the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) with a copy of the "Final Archaeological Assessment of Geotechnical Cores and Materials" by Jason Rogers, Ph.D., under contract to Statoil Alaska. I have determined that the report satisfies the condition of approval for geotechnical coring under Statoil's 2011 Ancillary Activities Notice, approved July 11, 2011, for its leases in the Chukchi Sea.

Unless Statoil objects, BOEM would like to cite this report in environmental analyses, planning documents and studies, as well as distribute copies to other federal agencies, such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), ARLIS, and the University of Alaska. I also encourage Statoil to publish the report in an appropriate peer-reviewed scientific journal.

In closing, I want to thank Statoil for its commitment to science which has resulted in a better understanding of the Arctic paleoenvironmental conditions.

Sincerely,

David Johnston, Regional Supervisor
Office of Leasing and Plans