



RULES PROCESSING TEAM

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March 7, 2002

Attn: Rules Processing Team (RPT)
Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service; MS 4024
381 Elden Street
Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817


Re: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
Procedures for Dealing with Sustained Casing Pressure

Gentlemen:

Ocean Energy, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed rulemaking. We support the comments on the proposed rulemaking submitted by the Offshore Operators Committee (OOC). Further, we believe that the three-prong approach as outlined in the OOC comments is a more effective method for reducing risk and improving safety in a cost effective manner than a continued prescriptive regulatory approach to sustained casing pressure.

We appreciate your careful consideration of all of the comments concerning this rulemaking.

Sincerely,


Craig R. Landry
Production Compliance Supervisor

cc: D. Bourgeois, M. Kidder