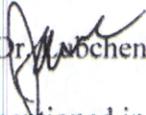




THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON

OCT 18 2012

The Honorable Jane Lubchenco  
Undersecretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
Department of Commerce  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Dr.  Lubchenco:

As I mentioned in my recent email to you, our Alaska Interagency Working Group is preparing a report to the President that analyzes the development of an Integrated Arctic Management approach to planning and decisionmaking in the Alaskan Arctic. We hope to complete the report by the end of the year. We are preparing it in coordination with the on-going work that the National Security Council is undertaking as it develops an overarching Arctic Strategy for the United States.

I am writing to request your assistance as we put together our interagency report. There are two key elements of the report where we will need your Agency's feedback:

- 1) A description of changes, trends, and developments (including infrastructure) that have occurred and are projected to occur in the Arctic in the next 20-30 years, with a specific focus on your Agency's mission and area of expertise. Writing teams are already working on this element (including the following NOAA representatives: Mr. Richard Merrick in D.C., Mr. John Bengtson and Mr. Doug DeMaster from the field, and Mr. DeMaster and Ms. Amy Holman from Alaska as agency contacts for the report). I would appreciate your assistance in ensuring that they have the support and resources necessary to gather the relevant information.
- 2) We would also welcome receiving input on your Agency's planning goals or aspirations for what the Arctic potentially should look like in 20-30 years. In particular, it would be helpful to receive 1-2 paragraphs describing your perspectives on each of the following topics, to the extent relevant:
  - Goals: Given your Agency's mission and area of expertise, the most important environmental, economic, cultural, or other goals for Arctic Alaska over the next 20-30 years and beyond.
  - Opportunities: Effective strategies that you are aware of or have used for decisionmaking in the Arctic.

- Challenges: Removing obstacles to making sound, science-based decision-making in Arctic Alaska.
- Federal Government: Steps through which the Federal Government can be a more effective partner in helping to achieve sustainability in Arctic Alaska.

As I mentioned in my email, Mr. John Bengtson, Director of the National Marine Mammal Laboratory (NOAA), is on detail to my office as the Alaska Coordinator for the report. John's contact information is john.bengtson@noaa.gov or (206) 930-6271. He is working closely with the two co-directors for the project, Mr. Brendan Kelly of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, who can be contacted via brendan\_p\_kelly@ostp.eop.gov or (202) 456-6056, and Mr. Joel Clement, head of the Interior Department's Policy Office, who can be reached at joel\_clement@ios.doi.gov or (202) 208-3295.

Thank you in advance for your assistance on this important matter.

Sincerely,



David J. Hayes

Jane -

You are a key to all of this. Thanks for your support. Pardon the formality of this letter - this is a letter that is going out to all of the relevant Departments.

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON

JUL 26 2012



MEMORANDUM

To: Thomas Donilon, National Security Advisor  
Cecilia Munoz, Director, Domestic Policy Council  
Nancy Sutley, Chair, Council on Environmental Quality  
John Holdren, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy  
Heather Zichal, Deputy Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change

From: David J. Hayes, Chair, Interagency Working Group on Coordination on Domestic Energy Development and Permitting in Alaska

Subject: Addressing Science and Planning Needs for Energy and Other Development Activities in Alaska

SUMMARY

Executive Order 13580 established the Interagency Working Group on Coordination of Domestic Energy Development and Permitting in Alaska (the Alaska Interagency Working Group) in order to facilitate the orderly and environmentally sound development of renewable and conventional energy in the oceans, coastal regions, and interior lands of Alaska. In addition to coordinating on-going permitting activities related to energy development in Alaska, the Alaska Interagency Working Group will address two key systemic issues: (1) sharing of scientific and environmental information;<sup>i</sup> and (2) developing a framework for making integrated Arctic management decisions.<sup>ii</sup>

As explained below, the Alaska Interagency Working Group will be moving forward with the preparation of a formal report that will address both of these issues. The initial report will be presented to the President by December 31, 2012. In light of the need to engage with a wide variety of governmental entities and stakeholders, including the State of Alaska, Native Alaskans, industry, and conservation groups, in developing this report and gathering information relevant to potential infrastructure development in sectors beyond the energy sector, the Alaska Interagency Working Group will coordinate with, and provide updates on their activities to, the heads of the National Security Staff, Domestic Policy Council, Council on Environmental Quality, Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the National Economic Council.

## **BACKGROUND**

### Sharing Scientific and Environmental Information and Traditional Knowledge

Based on a dialogue involving the Alaska Interagency Working Group, the Arctic Research Commission, and a broad number of stakeholders with an interest in ensuring that decision-makers have access to the best scientific information and traditional knowledge, the Working Group has determined that the large body of knowledge that continues to develop around the Arctic can and should be more easily accessible to agencies that have decisionmaking responsibilities in the Arctic and to the general public.

To address this important need, the Alaska Interagency Working Group will partner with the Arctic Research Commission and scientific communities to explore how to develop a more centralized and more accessible database of scientific information and traditional knowledge relevant to integrated and ecosystem-based resources management in the Arctic, including onshore and offshore development activities in Alaska. This undertaking will bring an Arctic focus to the President's Open Government initiative and the National Ocean Policy. In doing so, the Working Group will build upon existing data sources, such as the North Slope Science Initiative's Data Catalogue, Arctic ERMA, regional observing systems, and the University of Alaska's Geographic Information Network of Alaska and draw from existing agreements with industry in the region to share data. The Alaska Interagency Working Group will focus on how best to ensure that cultural and traditional knowledge is included in the scientific information that is available to decision-makers and the public.

### Developing Integrated Arctic Management

The Alaska Interagency Working Group will develop a transparent, disciplined, and analytic approach that will generate the information and analysis needed to make sound, long-term planning decisions.

As a member of the eight-nation Arctic Council, the United States has embraced the concept of using an "ecosystem-based management" approach to assist in making sound decisions regarding potential future infrastructure development in the Arctic. This type of management approach recognizes that engaging in a sector-by-sector, project-by-project, or issue-by-issue evaluation of future infrastructure development activities in the Arctic is sub-optimal and could result in decisions with long-term negative consequences, especially given the rapid change that is occurring in the Arctic's sensitive coastal, terrestrial, and marine ecosystems, and the special rights and needs of Alaska Natives and other subsistence users in the Arctic. Getting it right in the Arctic requires a more integrated, comprehensive approach that simultaneously evaluates commercial needs and trends, environmental trends and ecological processes, and cultural considerations.

The Alaska Interagency Working Group will be taking the first key steps in building a more integrated, comprehensive approach to evaluating long-term issues when evaluating potential infrastructure development in the Alaskan Arctic. Consistent with the principles

behind the Arctic Council's ecosystem-based management approach to evaluating long-term development issues, the Alaska Interagency Working Group will prepare an initial report that address key elements of an "Integrated Arctic Management" framework:

(1) The identification of ecologically and culturally important areas, biota and processes, natural resources, and key drivers of environmental changes in the Arctic, without regard to jurisdictional lines; (2) the identification of anthropogenic, environmental, and climatological trends that affect these resources over time; and (3) the identification of commercial, societal, and governmental needs and trends that could lead to future infrastructure related needs in the Arctic, again without regard to jurisdictional lines.

Completion of these initial key steps will lay the foundation for a full dialogue on how best to develop and apply an Integrated Arctic Management approach when making important development decisions in the Arctic, including identifying economic, cultural, and environmental goals, objectives, and scenario planning.

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<sup>1</sup> "Ensur[ing] the sharing and integrity of scientific and environmental information and cultural and traditional knowledge among agencies" to support sound decision-making in the Arctic.

<sup>2</sup> "Engag[ing] in long term planning and ensu[ing]e coordination with the appropriate Federal entities related to ... the development of necessary infrastructure" to support potential future activities in the Arctic.

cc: Members and Participants of the Interagency Working Group on Coordination of Domestic Energy Development and Permitting in Alaska include:  
 Bob Perciasepe, Deputy Administrator, Environmental Policy Agency  
 Ashton B. Carter, Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense  
 Jane Holl Lute, Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security  
 John Porcari, Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation  
 Kathleen Merrigan, Deputy Secretary, Department of Agriculture  
 Daniel Poneman, Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy  
 Rebecca Blank, Acting Secretary and Deputy Secretary, Department of Commerce  
 Dr. Jane Lubchenco, Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
 Dr. Marcia McNutt, Director, United States Geological Survey  
 Dr. Subra Suresh, Director, National Science Foundation  
 Fran Ulmer, Chair, Arctic Research Commission  
 Robert J. Papp, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard  
 Jo Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
 Larry Persily, Federal Coordinator, AK Natural Gas Transportation Projects



October 2, 2011

David Hayes  
Deputy Secretary  
Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Deputy Secretary,

We were pleased to see the President's July 12<sup>th</sup> Executive Order establishing the Interagency Working Group on Coordination of Domestic Energy Development and Permitting in Alaska (Working Group). As detailed in the President's *Blueprint for a Secure Energy Future*, facilitating responsible development in Alaska poses unique challenges. Meaningful interagency coordination will be important to ensure sound decisions about and safe and appropriate development of oil and gas resources.

We have reviewed the Working Group functions outlined in Section 4 of the Executive Order, and it is our sense that successful implementation of the following three functions hinge on the Working Group's application and inclusion of science:

- (a) facilitate orderly and efficient decision making regarding the issuance of permits and conduct of environmental reviews for onshore and offshore energy development projects in Alaska;
- (d) ensure the sharing and integrity of scientific and environmental information and cultural and traditional knowledge among agencies to support the permit evaluation process of onshore and offshore energy development projects in Alaska;
- (e) engage in long term planning and ensure coordination with the appropriate Federal entities related to such issues as oil spill prevention, preparedness and response;

Fortunately, the recently released USGS report, *Evaluation of the Science Needs to Inform Decisions on Outer Continental Shelf Energy Development in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas, Alaska*, establishes a strong foundation from which to build. In announcing the release of the USGS report, Secretary Salazar said:

To make responsible decisions, we need to understand the environmental and social consequences of development and plan accordingly. This study is helpful in assessing what we know and will help inform determinations about what we need to know to develop our Arctic energy resources in the right places in the right way.



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Making responsible decisions and developing “energy resources in the right places in the right way” requires science-based decision-making, a comprehensive plan for providing the necessary information through research and monitoring in the field, and protection of sensitive areas from development and pollution. We believe that the USGS report will be extraordinarily valuable in achieving these ends. Hence, we strongly recommend that the Working Group address and respond to the findings and recommendations in the USGS report.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Heiman  
Director, U.S. Arctic Program  
Pew Environment Group

Bill Meadows  
President  
The Wilderness Society

Stanley Senner  
Director, Conservation Science  
Ocean Conservancy

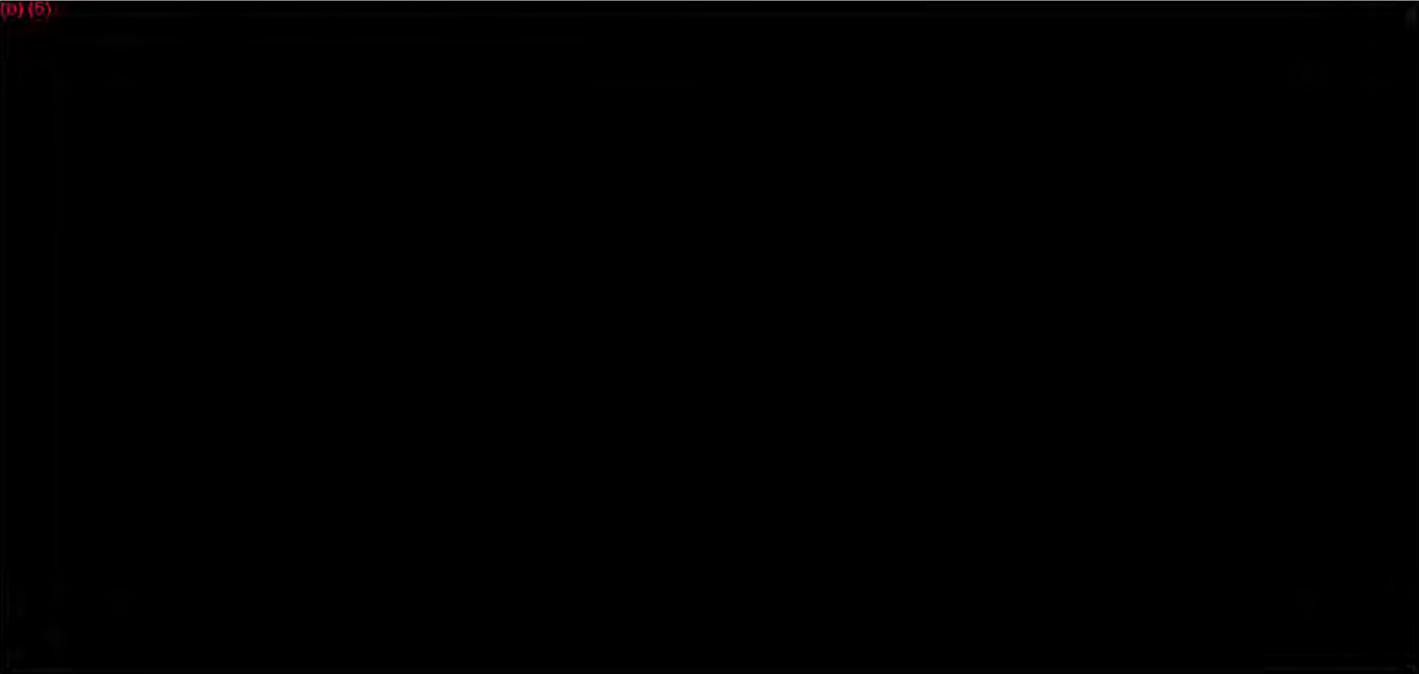
Cindy Shogan  
Executive Director  
Alaska Wilderness League

**From** Anderson, James E on behalf of Hayes, David **Date**  
**To** Bob Perciasepe; Brian Salerno ; Cynthia Quarterman; Daniel Poneman; Hayes, David; Heather Zichal; Heidi Avery; Jason Bordoff; Jay Jensen; Jo-Ellen Darcy; John Porcari; Kathleen Merrigan; Larry Persily; Monica Medina ; Sally Ericsson; Steven Fetter  
**Cc** Beaudreau, Tommy; Watson, James A; Bakalov, Raya V; Marsters, Lizzie  
**Subject** Deputy-Level Meeting on Spill Response Jan 9

Dear All:

As you know, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement is in the final stages of completing its review of Shell's revised oil spill response plans for drilling operations in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas next summer. These proposed revisions were the direct result of the excellent interagency review of the plans that was coordinated by our staff through the Working Group on Energy Permitting in Alaska.

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To ensure that we will be on track to meet that schedule, I would like to invite you to participate in a special meeting of the Deputy-Level Interagency Working Group on **Monday, January 9 from 3:00-4:00 at the Department of the Interior, Room 5160**, to discuss the status of these efforts and additional staff-level engagement that will be needed (b) (5)



I hope that you will be able to join us in person or by teleconference at the following number: 1-866-616-8702; Participant Code: 1920145. Please rsvp by sending an email to Raya Bakalov, at [Raya\\_Bakalov@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Raya_Bakalov@ios.doi.gov). An Outlook invitation will follow.

I wish you a happy holiday season and look forward to seeing many of you in January.

Thanks.

David

**David J. Hayes**  
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**Deputy-Level Interagency Working Group on Coordination of  
Domestic Energy Development and Permitting in Alaska**

**Meeting Agenda  
December 1, 2011**

- ✓ Welcome & Introductions
- ✓ Facilitating Renewable Energy Development in Alaska: Sub-Groups
  - The deputy-level Working Group has established senior staff interagency working groups focusing on four elements of Alaska renewable energy development: rural Alaska village energy challenges; biomass; hydropower; and promotion of renewable energy and energy efficiency in federal facilities.
    - The Department of the Interior and the Department of Energy will co-chair the rural Alaska village group.
      - Leads: Karen Atkinson (the new director of Indian Energy and Economic Development at BIA); Tracey Lebeau and Pilar Thomas (Director and Deputy Director in the Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, DOE).
      - The Alaska village subgroup held its first meeting two weeks ago.
    - The Department of Agriculture will chair the biomass group.
      - Lead: Butch Blazer (Deputy Undersecretary, Natural Resources and Environment).
      - The biomass group held its first meeting last week.
    - The Department of the Interior will chair the hydropower group
      - Lead: Anne Castle (Assistant Secretary for Water and Science)
    - We've contacted the Department of Defense and the Coast Guard about co-chairing the federal facilities group.
  - Action Items: The four sub-groups will report at the next Working Group meeting with specific goals and timelines. (b) (5)

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✓ Oil Spill Prevention, Preparedness and Response Interagency Efforts

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✓ Project Spotlight: Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Project

- The Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Project is managed jointly by TransCanada and ExxonMobil. (b) (5)

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Additional background information on the project is attached.

✓ NOAA's Arctic Report Card

- NOAA's Arctic Report Card was released on December 1 (press release attached). The Report Card tracks the Arctic atmosphere, sea ice, biology, ocean, land, and Greenland. This year, new sections were added, including, greenhouse gases, ozone and ultraviolet radiation, ocean acidification, Arctic Ocean primary productivity, and lake ice. To view the Arctic Report Card, visit <http://www.arctic.noaa.gov/report11/>.

✓ Interagency Working Group Website

- We have launched a public website to highlight the activities of the Working Group, post key documents, and track projects. The website can be accessed at: <http://www.doi.gov/alaskaenergy/index.cfm>. The website currently contains basic, publicly available information about the Working Group. We will work through the staff-level working group to clear additional proposed content and build out the website over the next month.

✓ Alaska Science and Decision-making Workshop Follow-Up

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**Anderson, James E**

**Subject:** Deputy-Level Working Group on Energy and Permitting in Alaska  
**Location:** MIB Room 5160 (call-in (b) (5) Participant Code (b) (5))

**Start:** Fri 3/30/2012 1:00 PM  
**End:** Fri 3/30/2012 2:00 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

**Organizer:** Hayes, David

**Required Attendees:** Hayes, David; Bob Perciasepe; Brian Salerno ; Cynthia Quarterman; Daniel Poneman; Heather Zichal; Heidi Avery; Jason Bordoff; Jay Jensen; Jo-Ellen Darcy; John Porcari; Kathleen Merrigan; Larry Persily; Monica Medina ; Sally Ericsson; Steven Fetter; Abedi, Afshin

**Optional Attendees:** Bakalov, Raya V; 'Ali Zaidi'; 'Bicky Corman'; 'Neal Kemkar'; 'Jonathan Levy'; 'Jerry Miller'; 'Margaret Bolin'; 'John Oliver'; 'Lindsey Williams'; 'Chip Smith'; 'Ted Johnson'; 'William Burns '; 'Amy Klein'; 'Karin Messenger'; 'David Murk'; 'Benjamin Burnett '; 'Michael Clark'; 'Arthur Blazer'; 'Meg Gaffney-Smith'; 'Janet McCabe'; 'Ashley Chappell'; 'Frank Richards'; 'Vinn White'; 'Alan Mayberry'; 'Sarah Bittleman'; 'Steve Venckus'; Faeth, Lori; Sadhir, Ruchi; Frazer, Gary D; Clement, Joel P; Anderson, James E; Feldgus, Steven H; Arroyo, Bryan; Klein, Elizabeth A; Elton, Kim; Falsey, William D; 'Kate.Clark@noaa.gov'; Lew, Shoshana M; 'kelly.rose@netl.doe.gov'; Kelly, Brendan; Matthiessen.Craig@epa.gov; Stanton.Larry@epa.gov; wilson.gregory@epa.gov; Patrick Easter; Trujillo, Tanya M; Atkinson, Karen J; Pease, Jr., Gerald F.; Dana Tulis; laura.morton@ee.doe.gov; Tennyson, Kevin; Freels, Catherine; Melanie\_A\_Stansbury@omb.eop.gov; Holman, Terry L; Cribley, Bud; Marsters, Lizzie; Castle, Anne; dorothea.robyn@osd.mil; pilar.thomas@hq.doe.gov; tracey.lebeau@hq.doe.gov; 'Fetter, Steve'; 'Lekson, David M SAW'; 'Wood, Maureen - OSEC'; 'Pond, Robert'; Conger, John Mr OSD ATL; 'Craig Matthiessen'; 'Avery, Heidi E.'; 'Smith, Charles R CIV (US)'; Murphy, Ted A; Payne, John F; Pollet, Jolie; Svejnoha, Wayne

Dear Colleagues:

Please join me for a meeting of the Deputy-Level Working Group on Energy and Permitting in Alaska next Friday, March 30, from 1:00-2:00 pm in the Main Interior Building, Room 5160. An outlook invitation will follow.

A draft agenda for the meeting is attached. Also attached are the reports from the Renewable Energy Working Groups on Biomass, Hydropower, and Rural Villages. We will hear presentations from the chairs next Friday, along with an update on a number of our initiatives, including (b) (5)

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(b) (5) As you know, the President issued an executive order on infrastructure permitting yesterday (also attached) and I invite each of you to think about what role your agency might play in permitting future infrastructure projects in Alaska and how our Working Group can coordinate these projects.

I look forward to discussing these issues next week. If you wish to add any other items to the agenda, please email my counselor Raya Bakalov at [Raya\\_Bakalov@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Raya_Bakalov@ios.doi.gov) and we'll add them to the agenda.

Thanks.

**David J. Hayes**  
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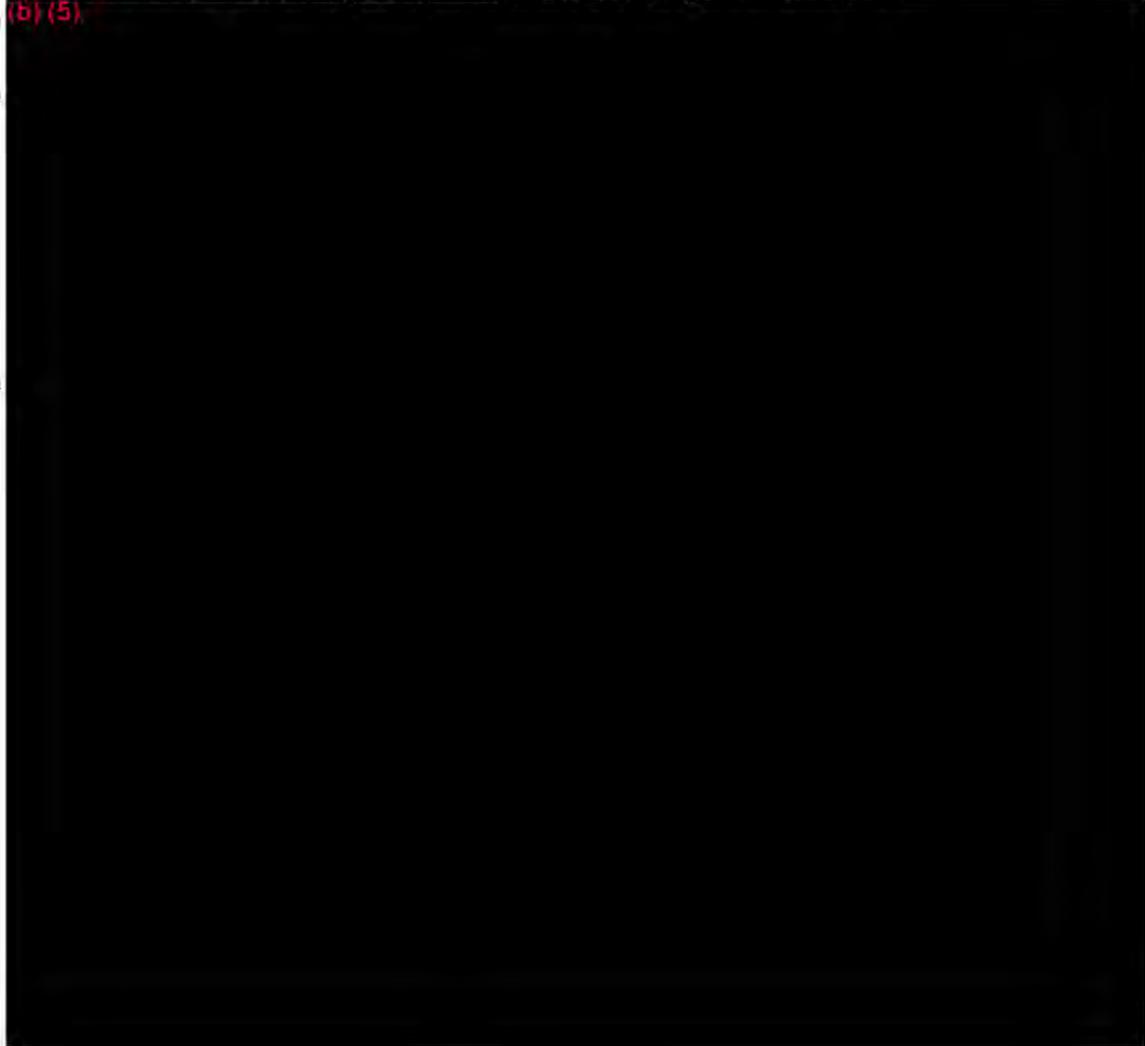
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**Deputy-Level Interagency Working Group on Coordination of  
Domestic Energy Development & Permitting in Alaska  
Meeting Notes  
Tuesday, September 13, 2011**

- ✓ Welcome & Introductions
- ✓ Overview of Executive Order
  - Demonstrate our ability to competently process permits on timely basis, collaborate effectively across federal government without abrogating any individual agency's statutory or regulatory responsibilities/authority
  - Effectively coordinate outreach to and with outside stakeholders to facilitate information sharing
  - E.O. covers more than individual permit tracking and coordination, but anticipates a whole-of-government effort to ensure that Administration positions and decisions affecting energy, infrastructure, and related issues are informed by good science, with individual project reviews taking place within the context of broader planning efforts
- ✓ Roles & Responsibilities of Working Group – Reviewed Draft Implementation Plan



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**Deputy-Level Interagency Working Group on Coordination of  
Domestic Energy Development and Permitting in Alaska**

**Meeting Agenda  
Thursday, February 2, 2012**

- ✓ Welcome & Introductions
  
- ✓ Interagency Coordination on Oil Spill Preparedness and Response
  
- ✓ Facilitating Renewable Energy Development in Alaska: Updates from the Renewable Energy Sub-Groups
  - Biomass
  - Hydropower
  - Native Villages
  - Federal Facilities
  
- ✓ Alaska Science and Decision-making Workshop Follow-Up
  
- ✓ Miscellaneous Announcements

**Deputy-Level Interagency Working Group on Coordination of  
Domestic Energy Development and Permitting in Alaska**

**Meeting Agenda**

**Thursday, December 1, 2011**

- ✓ Welcome & Introductions
- ✓ Alaska Science and Decision-making Workshop Follow-Up
- ✓ Facilitating Renewable Energy Development in Alaska: Sub-Groups
  - Biomass
  - Hydropower
  - Native Villages
  - Federal Facilities
- ✓ Oil Spill Prevention, Preparedness and Response Interagency Efforts
  - Interagency coordination on Shell's Oil Spill Response Plan
  - Long-term oil spill preparedness and response for offshore operations in Alaska
- ✓ Project Spotlight: Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Project (Office of the Federal Coordinator)
- ✓ NOAA's Arctic Report Card
- ✓ Working Group Website
- ✓ Any Miscellaneous Announcements

## **AGENDA**

### **Deputy-Level Meeting Interagency Working Group on Domestic Energy Development and Permitting in Alaska**

**September 18, 2012**

**4:00 p.m.**

**MIB 5160**

- ✓ Welcome and Introductions
- ✓ Update on Shell Activities in the Arctic
- ✓ Update on Pre-approval of Dispersants in the Arctic
- ✓ Arctic Science Initiatives
  - Integrated Arctic Management Update
  - Data Portal
- ✓ Renewable Energy Briefing
  - Hydropower
  - Biomass
  - Federal Facilities
  - Rural Villages
  - Wind-diesel
- ✓ Updates on Recent and Pending Decisions
  - BLM: NPR-A Preferred Alternative
  - USACE: Pt. Thomson
- ✓ Arctic Emergency Response Management Application (ERMA) Briefing and Demonstration
- ✓ Other Announcements

**Deputy-Level Interagency Working Group on Coordination of  
Domestic Energy Development & Permitting in Alaska  
Meeting Notes  
Thursday, October 20, 2011**

- ✓ Offshore Conventional Energy Development Planning & Coordination Efforts
  - Oil Spill Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Interagency Effort
    - Shell's current oil spill response plans (Beaufort and Chuckchi) approved two years ago and set to expire this fall. Approved and sufficient plans are required for BOEM to approve exploration plans and for other agencies to consider for their authorizations.
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  - Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's Development of Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2012-2017
    - Current five-year program expires June 2012: (b) (5)
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- ✓ Coordination with non-Federal Partners
  - Working Group Chair's Upcoming Visit to Alaska
    - Chair will visit Alaska first week in November for series of meetings, including with regional federal agency leaders, AFN, Resource Development Council, state & local government officials, and NGOs.
  - Development of Tools to Share Information (e.g, Sharepoint, project tracking, etc.)
    - Sharepoint site launched, invitations sent to all staff supporting Working Group. Will allow document-sharing and includes a calendar function to track upcoming meetings, events, visits between agencies and various stakeholders.
    - DOI continuing to evaluate various IT platforms to use to track project information and (b) (5)
    - (b) (5)
- ✓ Facilitating Renewable Energy Development

- Potential Areas of Focus: (b) (5)

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✓ Any Miscellaneous Announcements

- One of the charges to the Working Group in the E.O. is to consider how to best align science with the decisions that need to be made on proposed energy development projects. (b) (5)

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## **Alaska Interagency Working Group**

### **Deputy-Level Meeting: Draft Agenda**

- ✓ Preparations for Potential Drilling Activities in Summer 2012
  - Oil spill response exercises and equipment tests (BSEE)
  - Vessel Inspections (USCG)
  - Containment System tests (BSEE)
  - Crisis Management Preparations (USCG)
  - Dispersants (USCG, EPA)
  - ERMA Development (NOAA, BSEE)
  
- ✓ BOEM's 2012-2017 OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program
  
- ✓ Renewable Energy: May 30 Wind Workshop and follow up
  
- ✓ Science:
  - IARPC's 5-year research plan
  - Science and Decisionmaking next steps
  - Integrated Arctic Management Progress

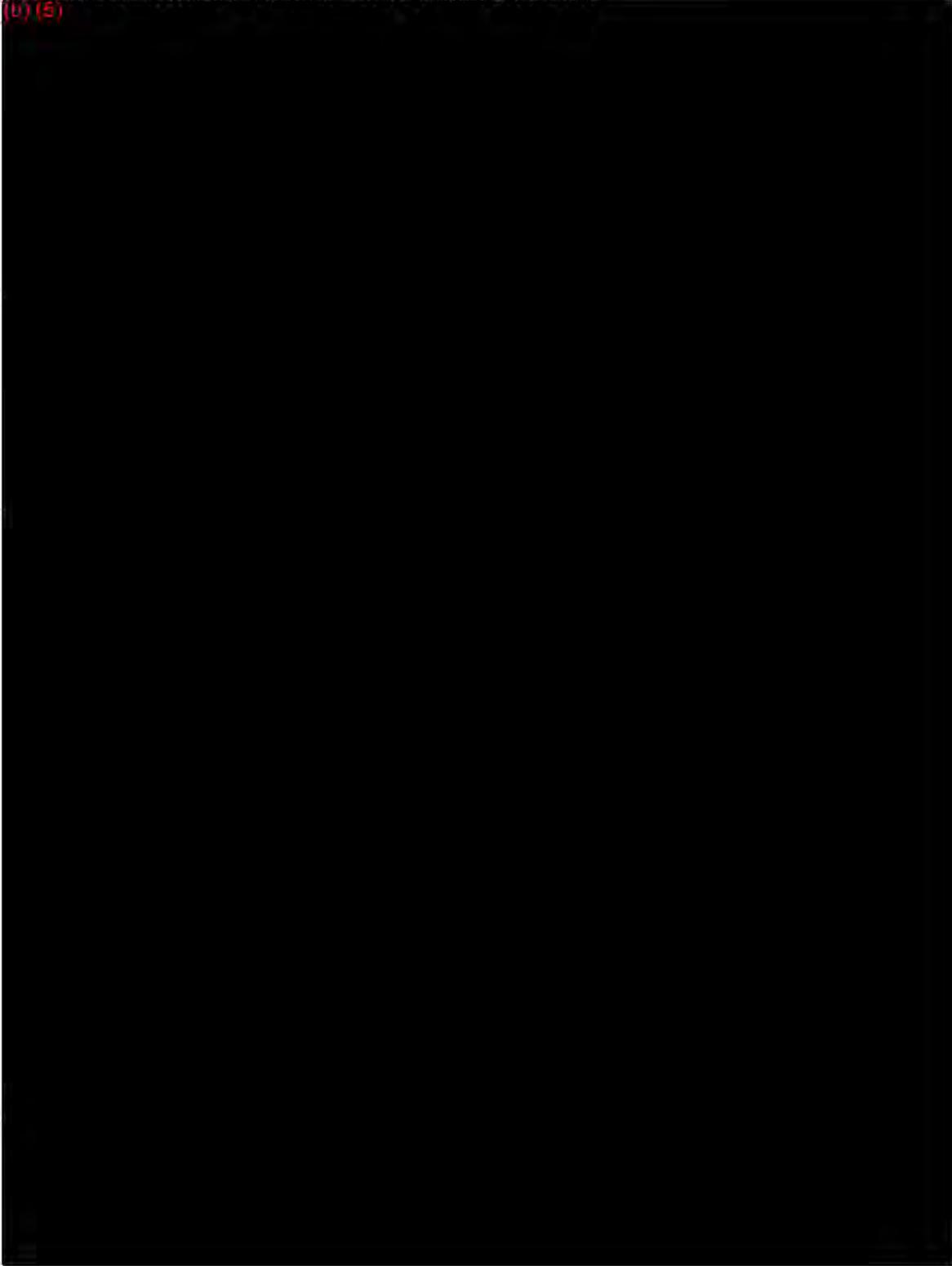
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Tuesday, September 13, 2011**

- ✓ Welcome & Introductions
- ✓ Overview of Executive Order
  - Unique challenges to energy development in Alaska
  - Importance of interagency coordination while ensuring respective agency responsibilities
- ✓ Roles & Responsibilities of Working Group – Review Draft Implementation Plan
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- ✓ Project Highlight: Shell's proposed activities in Beaufort and Chukchi
  - Oil spill response plan coordination
- ✓ Any Miscellaneous Announcements

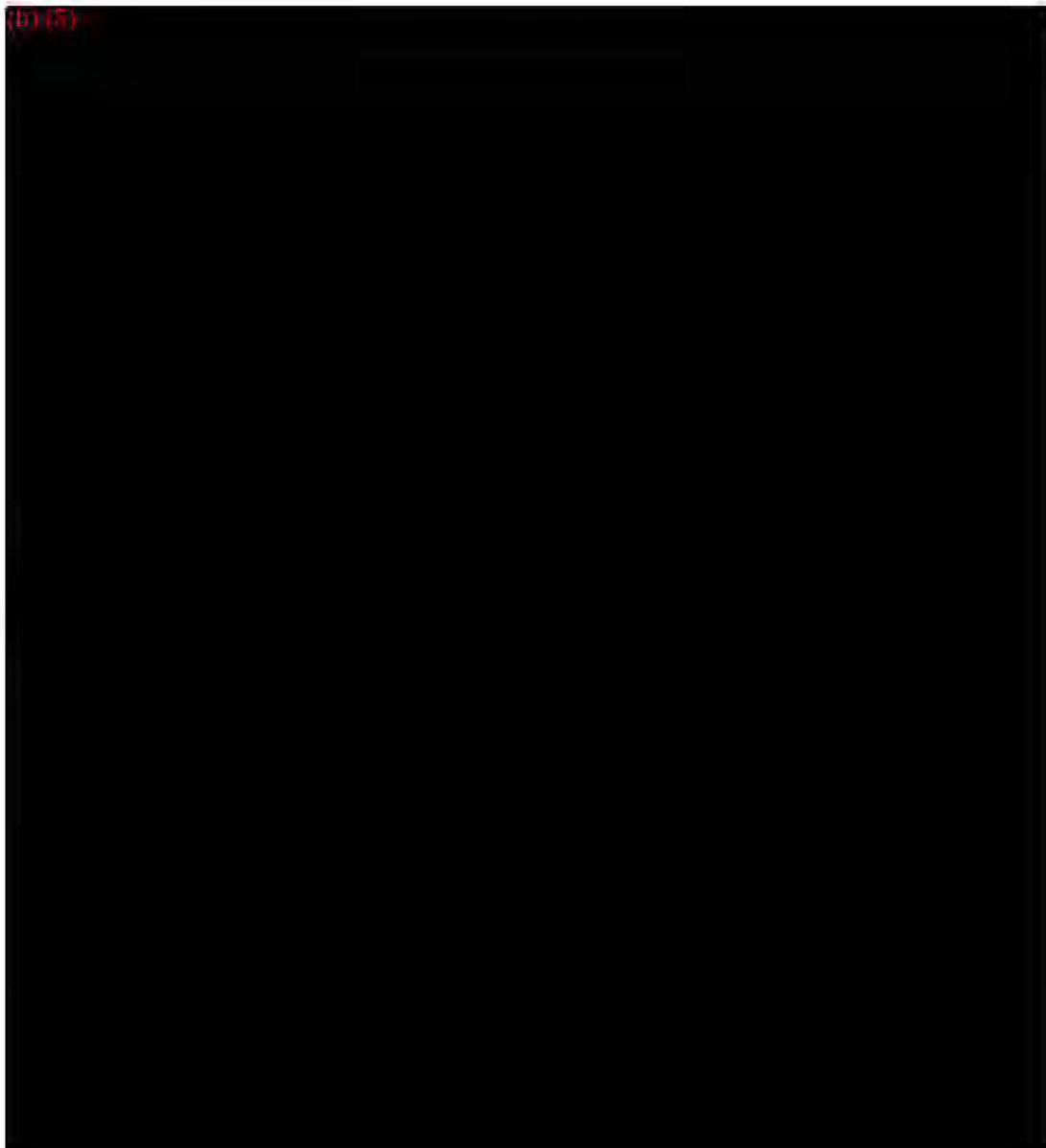
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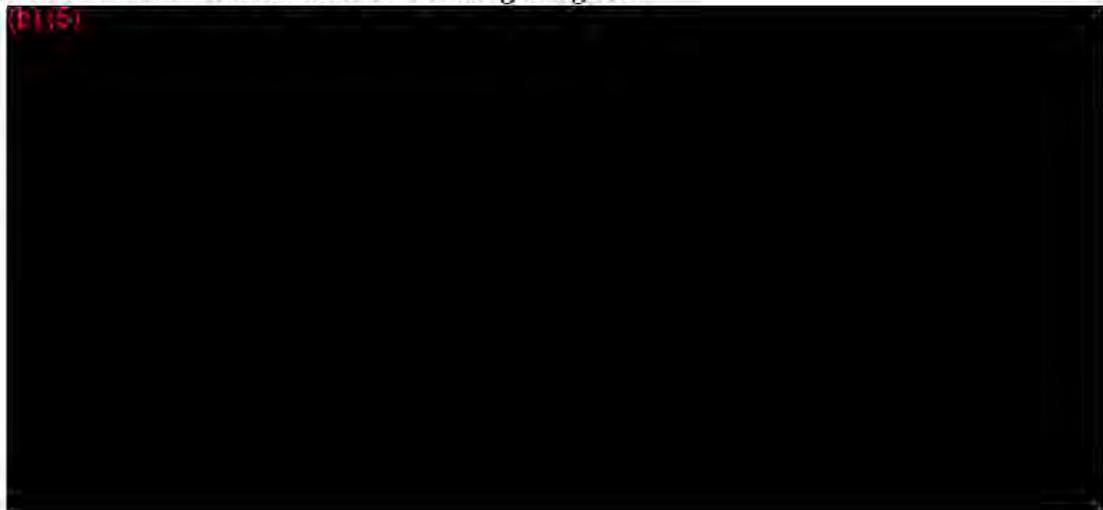


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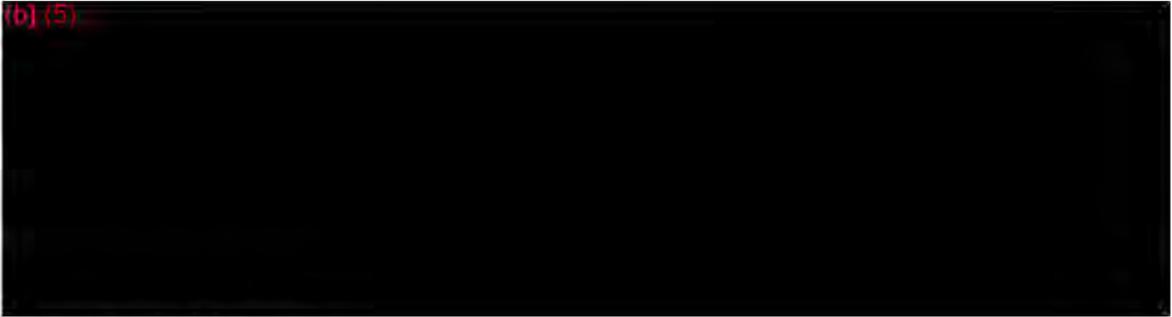


BOEM's 2012-2017 OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program

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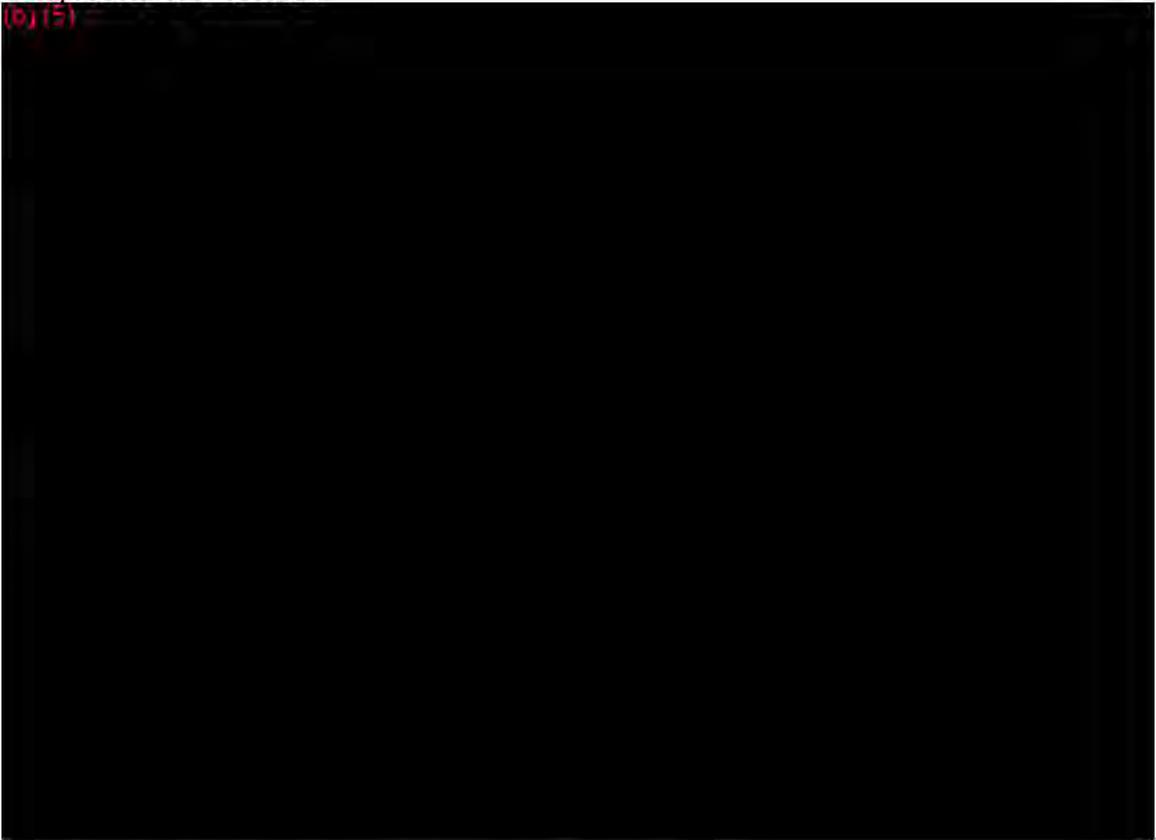


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Project Update: Pt. Thomson

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Renewable Energy: May 30 Wind Workshop and Follow-Up

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Alaska Mapping Roundtable

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IARPC's 5-Year Research Plan

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**Deputy-Level Interagency Working Group on Coordination of  
Domestic Energy Development & Permitting in Alaska  
Meeting Agenda  
Thursday, October 20, 2011**

- ✓ Welcome & Introductions
- ✓ Offshore Conventional Energy Development Planning & Coordination Efforts
  - Oil Spill Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Interagency Effort
  - Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's Development of Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2012-2017
- ✓ Coordination with non-Federal Partners
  - Working Group Chair's Upcoming Visit to Alaska
  - Development of Tools to Share Information (e.g, Sharepoint, project tracking, etc.)
- ✓ Facilitating Renewable Energy Development
  - Potential Areas of Focus: (b) (5)  
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- ✓ Any Miscellaneous Announcements

**Anderson, James E**

**Subject:** Meeting of the Deputy-Level Interagency Working Group on AK Permitting Issues  
**Location:** 5160, Department of the Interior

**Start:** Thu 12/1/2011 11:30 AM  
**End:** Thu 12/1/2011 12:00 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Accepted

**Organizer:** Marsters, Lizzie

**Required Attendees:** 'perciasepe.bob@epamail.epa.gov'; 'Brian.M.Salerno@uscg.mil';  
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Where: 5160, Department of the Interior

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Dear Working Group Members,

Please find an agenda for tomorrow's meeting attached. If principals are unable to attend this meeting, please use the call-in number below:

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Dear Working Group Members,

The next meeting of the Deputy-Level Alaska Working Group will be held on **Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon** at the Department of the Interior, Room 5160. Prior to this meeting, we will host a workshop with key members of the scientific community involved in Alaska science matters from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. This workshop will

provide an opportunity to begin a dialogue about the best way to link decision-makers' science needs and the science community's on-going research efforts in the region. The attached document provides additional information on the workshop. All Working Group members are welcome to attend the workshop. However, due to space constraints, we are not able to accommodate delegates at this time.

If you have any questions or suggested topics for discussion during the Working Group meeting, please contact Lizzie Marsters, Chief of Staff to Deputy Secretary Hayes, at [Lizzie Marsters@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Lizzie.Marsters@ios.doi.gov).

Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street NW  
Room 5160

POC: Lizzie Marsters  
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**Anderson, James E**

**Subject:** Conference Call: Interagency Working Group on Alaska Energy Development, Call in # (b) (5) PC (b) (5)

**Location:** Room 6117

**Start:** Thu 8/4/2011 3:30 PM  
**End:** Thu 8/4/2011 4:00 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

**Organizer:** Hayes, David

**Required Attendees:** 'Shoshana\_m\_lew@who.eop.gov'; 'heather\_r\_zichal@who.eop.gov'; 'jason\_e.\_bordoff@ceq.eop.gov'; 'Monica.medina@noaa.gov'; 'lpersily@arcticgas.com'; 'perciasepe.bob@epamail.epa.gov'; 'joellen.darcy@us.army.mil'; 'kathleen.merrigan@osec.usda.gov'; 'Daniel.Poneman@hq.doe.gov'; Elton, Kim; Klein, Elizabeth A; Screnar, Brian; Diehl, Barbara; 'jjensen@ceq.eop.gov'; 'sericsson@omb.eop.gov'; 'steven\_a\_fetter@ostp.eop.gov'; 'brian.m.salerno@uscg.mil'; 'heidi\_e\_avery@nss.eop.gov'; 'lpersily@arcticgas.gov'

**Optional Attendees:** Calhoun, Dianne; 'Thomas, Paul CAPT'; 'Keane, Christopher CAPT'; 'Miller, Matthew CAPT'; 'Oliver, John'; 'Hills, Nakeisha LCDR'; 'Williams, Dionca'; 'Cook, Pauline F CAPT'; 'Mausz, Simone LT'; 'Goward, Dana Mr.'; 'Wood, Maureen'; 'Venckus, Steve'; Jennifer Thompson; Brown, Caitlin F

We hope you can join us for a brief conference call to discuss the formation of the Interagency Working Group on Coordination of Domestic Energy Development & Permitting in Alaska. Attached for your reference is the Executive Order creating the group, which is to be chaired by Department of the Interior Deputy Secretary David Hayes. David will lead this initial call to have a brief check-in on the formation of the group and discuss some initial organizational issues. The first in-person meeting will be scheduled (tentatively) in September (to try and best coordinate with August travel schedules). Below is the list of invitees, please let us know if you see any critical omissions from this list, and please let us know if you will be able to attend.

## List of invitees:

Daniel Poneman, Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy  
 Kathleen Merrigan, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture  
 Monica Medina, Principal Deputy Undersecretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA  
 TBD - Department of Homeland Security/U.S. Coast Guard  
 Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works  
 Bob Perciasepe, Deputy Administrator, EPA  
 Larry Persily, Federal Coordinator, Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects  
 Heather Zichal & Shoshana Lew, DPC  
 Jason Bordoff & Jay Jensen, CEQ  
 Sally Ericsson, OMB  
 Steen Fetter, OSTP  
 Heidi Avery, NSS  
 John Porcari, Deputy Secretary Department of Transportation

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## Anderson, James E

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**Subject:** Alaska Interagency Working Group Deputy-Level Meeting  
**Location:** Room. 5160, US Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW - Call-in details attached

**Start:** Tue 9/18/2012 4:00 PM  
**End:** Tue 9/18/2012 5:00 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

**Organizer:** Hayes, David

**Required Attendees:** 'Peter.V.Neffenger@USCG.mil'; 'Cynthia.Quarterman'; 'Daniel.Poneman@hq.doe.gov'; 'Heather.Zichal'; 'Heidi.Avery'; 'Jensen, Jay'; 'Jo-Ellen.Darcy'; 'john.porcari@dot.gov'; 'Kathleen.Merrigan'; 'Larry.Persily'; 'perciasepe.bob@epamail.epa.gov'; 'Sally.Ericsson'; Beaudreau, Tommy; Bakalov, Raya V; Watson, James A; Davis, Laura; Lee-Ashley, Matt; 'margaret.spring@noaa.gov'; 'Jane.Lubchenco@noaa.gov'; 'Fran.Ulmer'; 'steven\_a.\_fetter@ostp.eop.gov'; Salt, Terrence C SES (US; Amy.S.Klein@usace.army.mil  
**Optional Attendees:** Cousins, Debbie; Sisk, Jennifer R; Cook, Karla; Barre, Michael; Smith, Deborah; Elton, Kim; hkelly@ostp.eop.gov; 'Bittleman, Sarah - OSEC'; 'Darcy, Jo-Ellen HON (US)'; 'Auburn, Jill - OSEC'; 'Pat Simms'

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## Alaska Interagency Working Group Deputy Level Meeting Notes

Friday, March 30, 2012 1:00-2:00pm

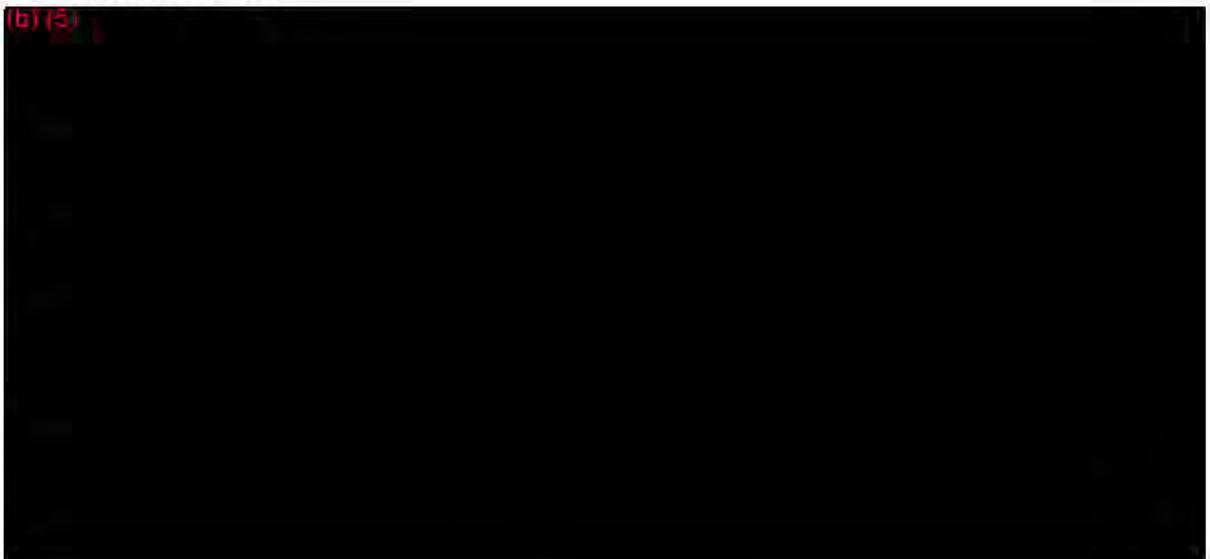
### Reports from the Renewable Energy Working Groups

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III. Rural Alaska (Karen Atkinson)

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IV. Federal Facilities

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**Ecosystem-Based Management Framework for Arctic Alaska**

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**Deputy-Level Alaska Interagency Working Group  
Meeting on Spill Response and Preparedness in Alaska's OCS**

January 9, 2012, 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

DOI HQ, Room 6150

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Participant Code: (b) (5)

- ✓ Welcome and Introductions
- ✓ BSEE: Overview of Shell's Oil Spill Response Plans and Status Update of Interagency Review
- ✓ USCG: Planned Deployment of Coast Guard Assets in Alaska
- ✓ USCG: Overview of Sub-Area Contingency Plans and Status of Revisions
- ✓ Joint Q&A Document
- ✓ Federal Government's authority in case of an oil spill
- ✓ Ensuring a Coordinated Federal Response

## Anderson, James E

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**Subject:** Alaska Interagency Working Group Meeting  
**Location:** Main Interior Bldg, Room 5160

**Start:** Thu 10/20/2011 3:00 PM  
**End:** Thu 10/20/2011 4:00 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

**Organizer:** Hayes, David

**Required Attendees:** 'Bob Perciasepe'; 'Brian Salerno'; 'Cynthia Quarterman'; 'Daniel Poneman'; Hayes, David; 'Heather Zicha'; 'Heidi Avery'; 'Jason Bordoff'; 'Jay Jensen'; 'Jo-Ellen Darcy'; 'John Porcari'; 'Kathleen Merrigan'; 'Larry Persily'; 'Monica Medina'; 'Sally Ericsson'; 'Steven Fetter'; Klein, Elizabeth A; Srenar, Brian; Elton, Kim; 'Maureen.Wood@osec.usda.gov'

**Optional Attendees:** 'Fetter, Steve'

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**Anderson, James E**

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**Subject:** Alaska Deputies Group Meeting  
**Location:** Main Interior, Room 5160 or call in: (b) (5) Participant Code: (b) (5)

**Start:** Tue 9/13/2011 2:00 PM  
**End:** Tue 9/13/2011 3:00 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

**Organizer:** Hayes, David

**Required Attendees:** 'Bob Perciasepe'; 'Brian Salerno'; 'Cynthia Quarterman'; 'Daniel Poneman'; Hayes, David; 'Heather Zicha'; 'Avery, Heidi E.'; 'Jason Bordoff'; 'Jay Jensen'; 'Jo-Ellen Darcy'; 'John Porcari'; 'Kathleen Merrigan'; 'lpersily@arcticgas.gov'; 'Monica Medina'; 'Sally Ericsson'; 'sfetter@ostp.eop.gov'; Klein, Elizabeth A; 'Kathleen Merrigan'; 'Wood, Maureen'; Elton, Kim; Kennedy, Pat; 'Larry Persily'

**Optional Attendees:** 'Fetter, Steve'; 'Avery, Heidi E.'; 'Kemkar, Neal'

Call in (b) (5)

Participant Code: (b) (5)

Leader Code for David (b) (5)

## Anderson, James E

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**Subject:** Alaska Interagency Working Group Deputy-Level Meeting  
**Location:** Room. 5160, US Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW - Call-in details attached

**Start:** Thu 7/12/2012 4:00 PM  
**End:** Thu 7/12/2012 5:00 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

**Organizer:** Hayes, David

**Required Attendees:** 'Peter.V.Neffenger@USCG.mil'; 'Cynthia Quarterman'; 'Daniel.Poneman@hq.doe.gov'; 'Heather Zicha'; 'Heidi Avery'; 'Jason Bordoff'; 'Jensen, Jay'; 'Jo-Ellen Darcy'; 'john.porcari@dot.gov'; 'Kathleen Merrigan'; 'Larry Persily'; 'perciasepe.bob@epamail.epa.gov'; 'Sally Ericsson'; 'steven\_a\_fetter@ostp.eop.gov'; Beaudreau, Tommy; Bakalov, Raya V; Watson, James A; Davis, Laura; Lee-Ashley, Matt; Cousins, Debbie; Sisk, Jennifer R; Cook, Karla; Barre, Michael; Smith, Deborah; Elton, Kim; hkelly@ostp.eop.gov

**Optional Attendees:**

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**Alaska Interagency Working Group Deputy-Level Meeting  
Draft Agenda**

Friday, March 30, 2012, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
Room 5160 MIB

- ❖ Reports from the Renewable Energy Working Groups
- ❖ Ecosystem-Based Management Framework for Arctic Alaska
- ❖ Oil Spill Preparedness for Potential Drilling Operations in the Summer of 2012
  - Status of Permits
  - March 22 Shell Dry Run Exercise
  - Update on Dispersants
- ❖ Long-Term Planning: Spill Response
- ❖ Long-Term Planning: Infrastructure
- ❖ Regional-Level Coordination of Permitting

Meeting of the Deputy-level Interagency Working Group on Coordination of Domestic Energy  
Development and Permitting in Alaska

Main Interior Building, Washington, DC

February 2, 2012

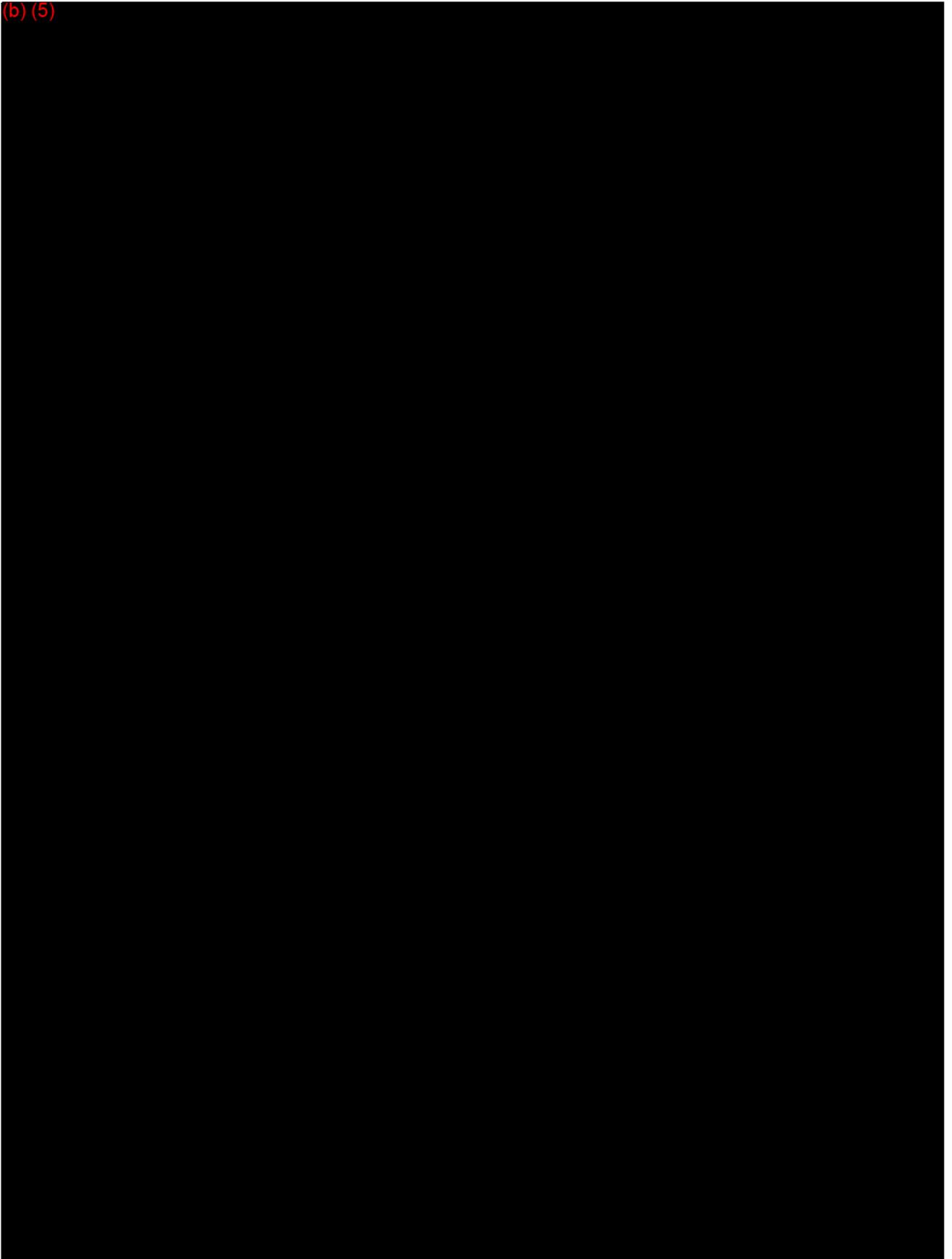
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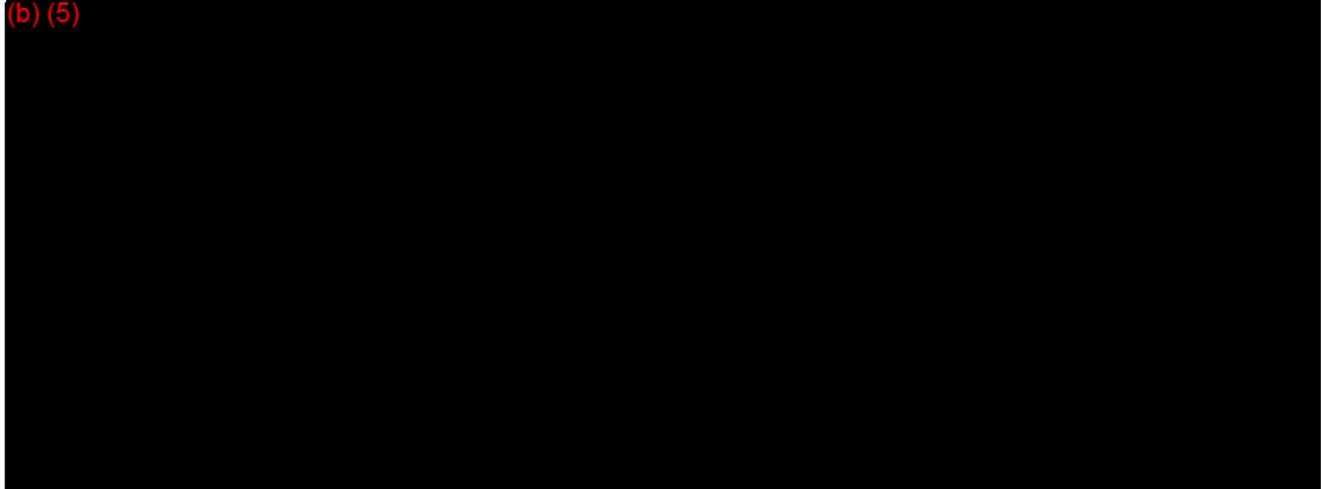
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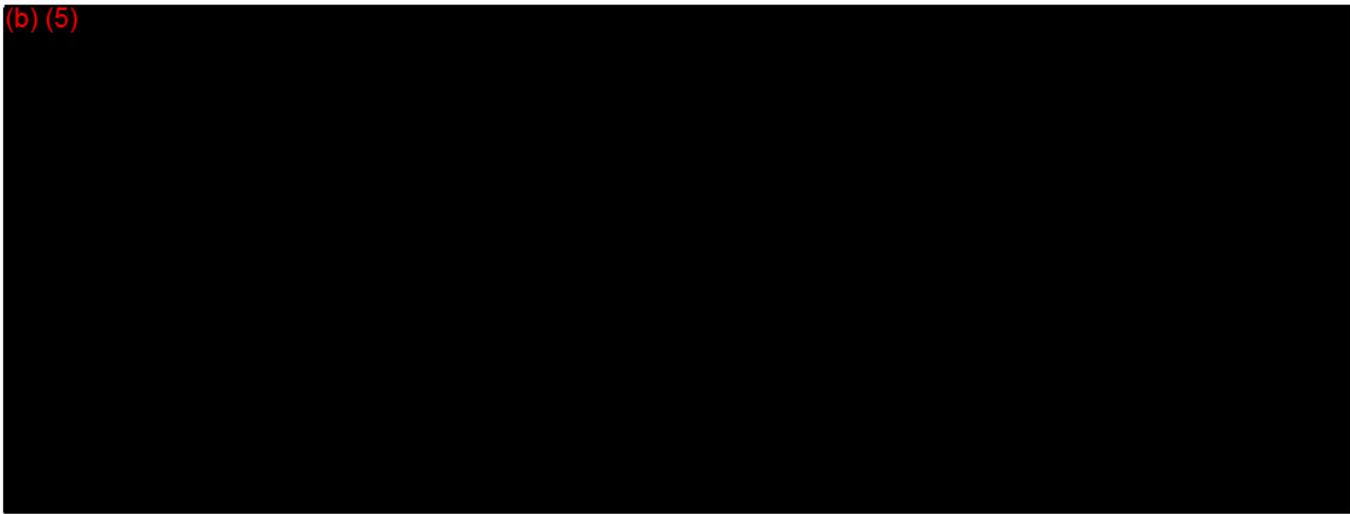
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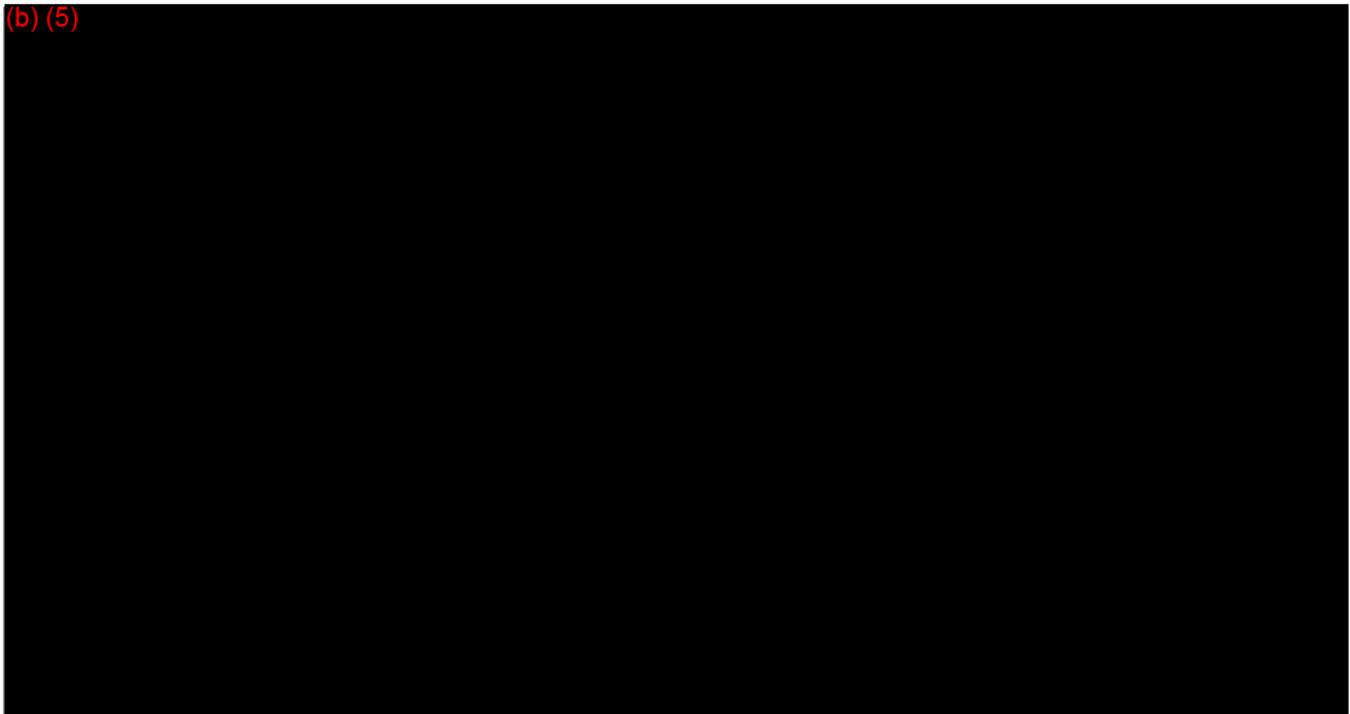
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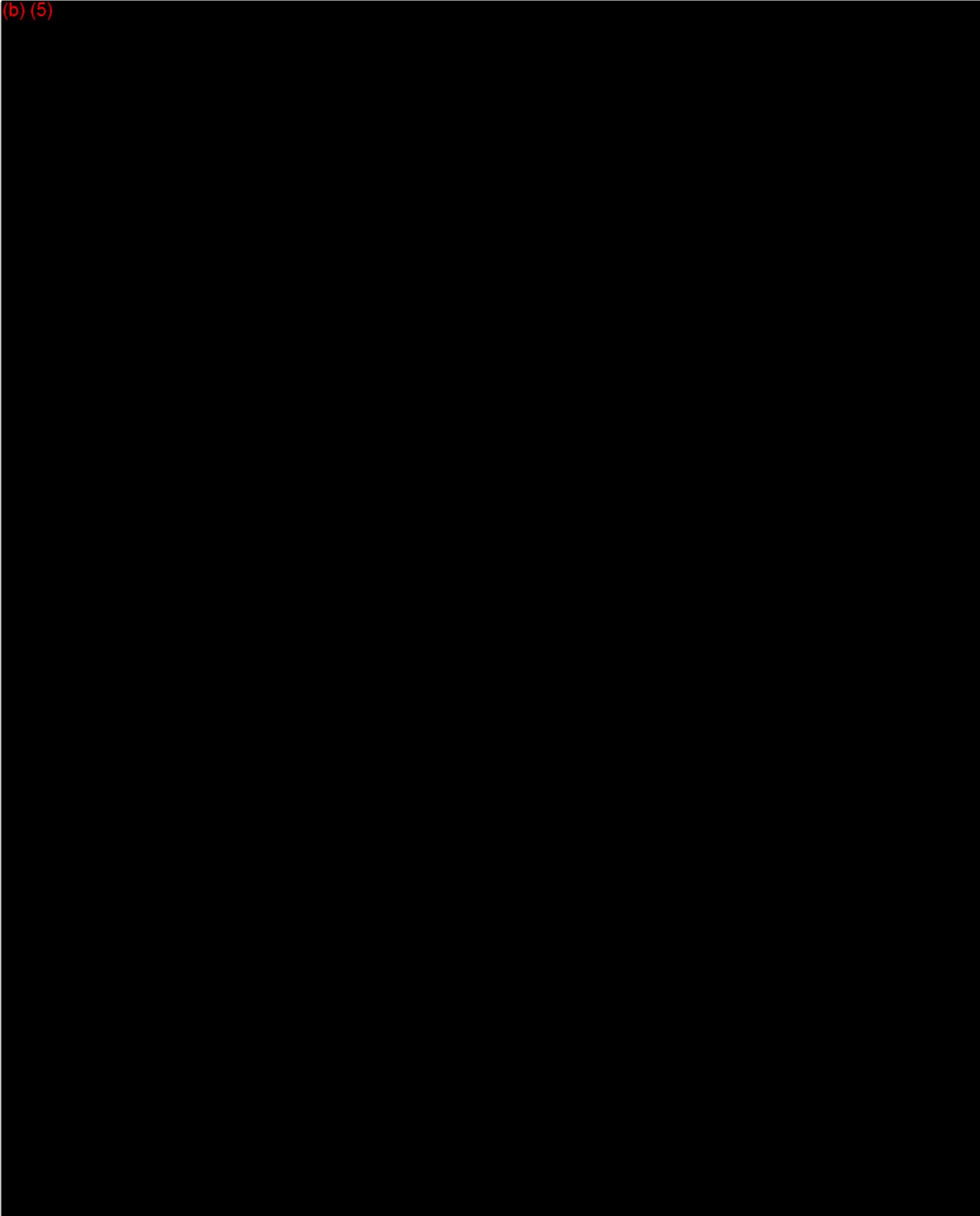
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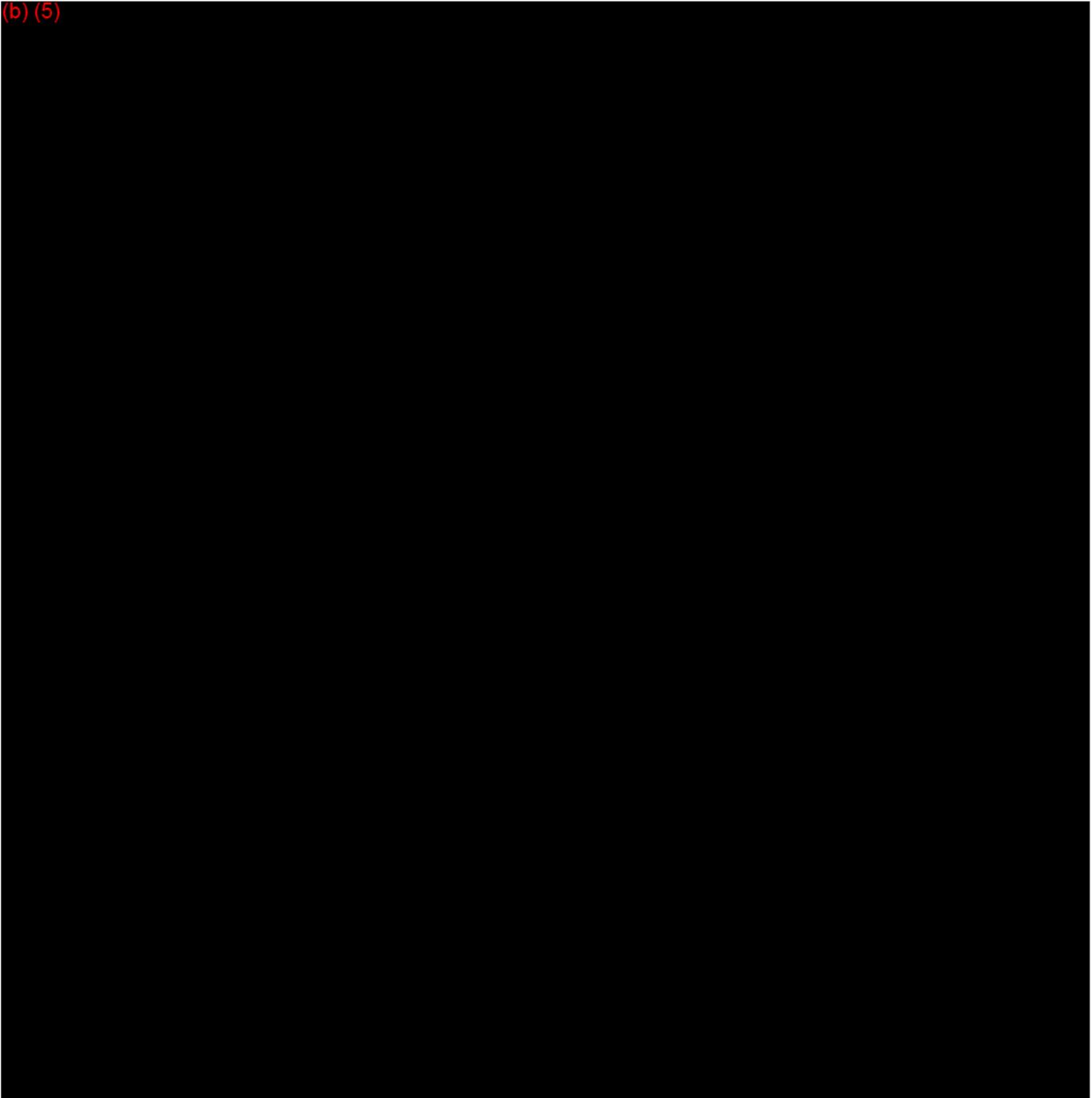
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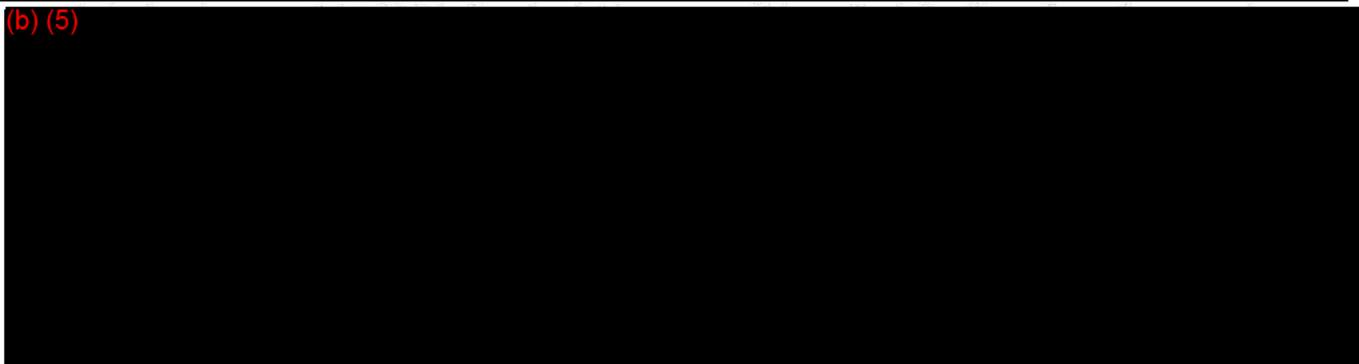
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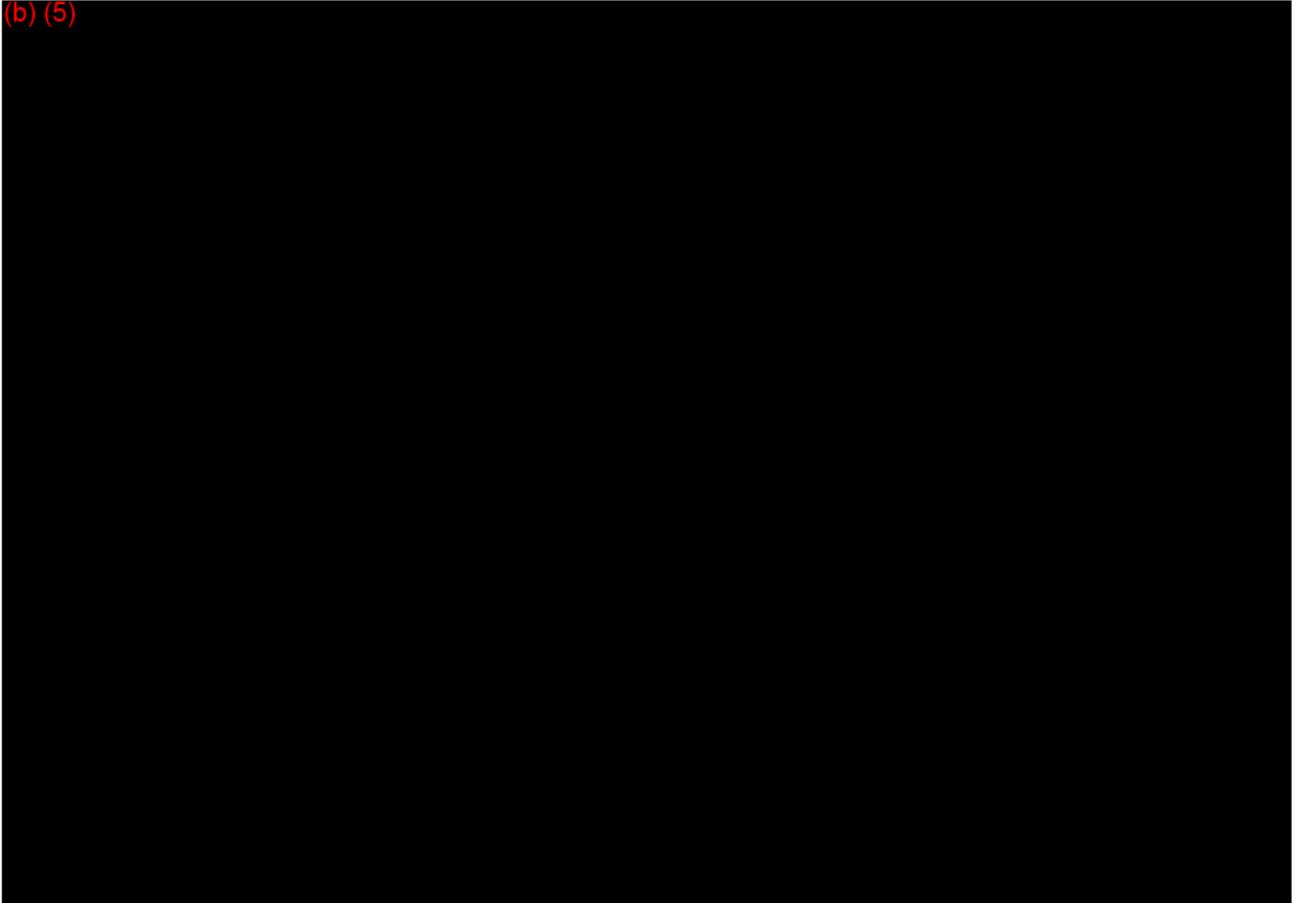
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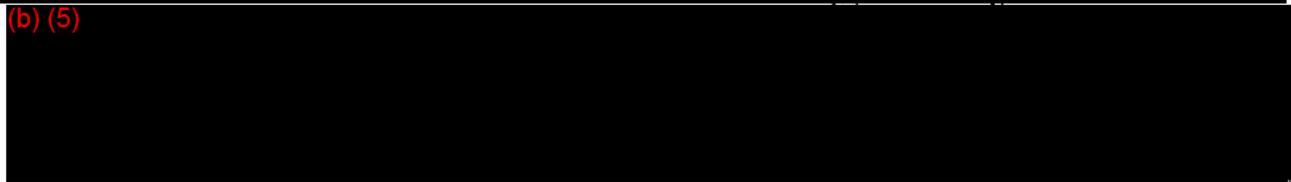
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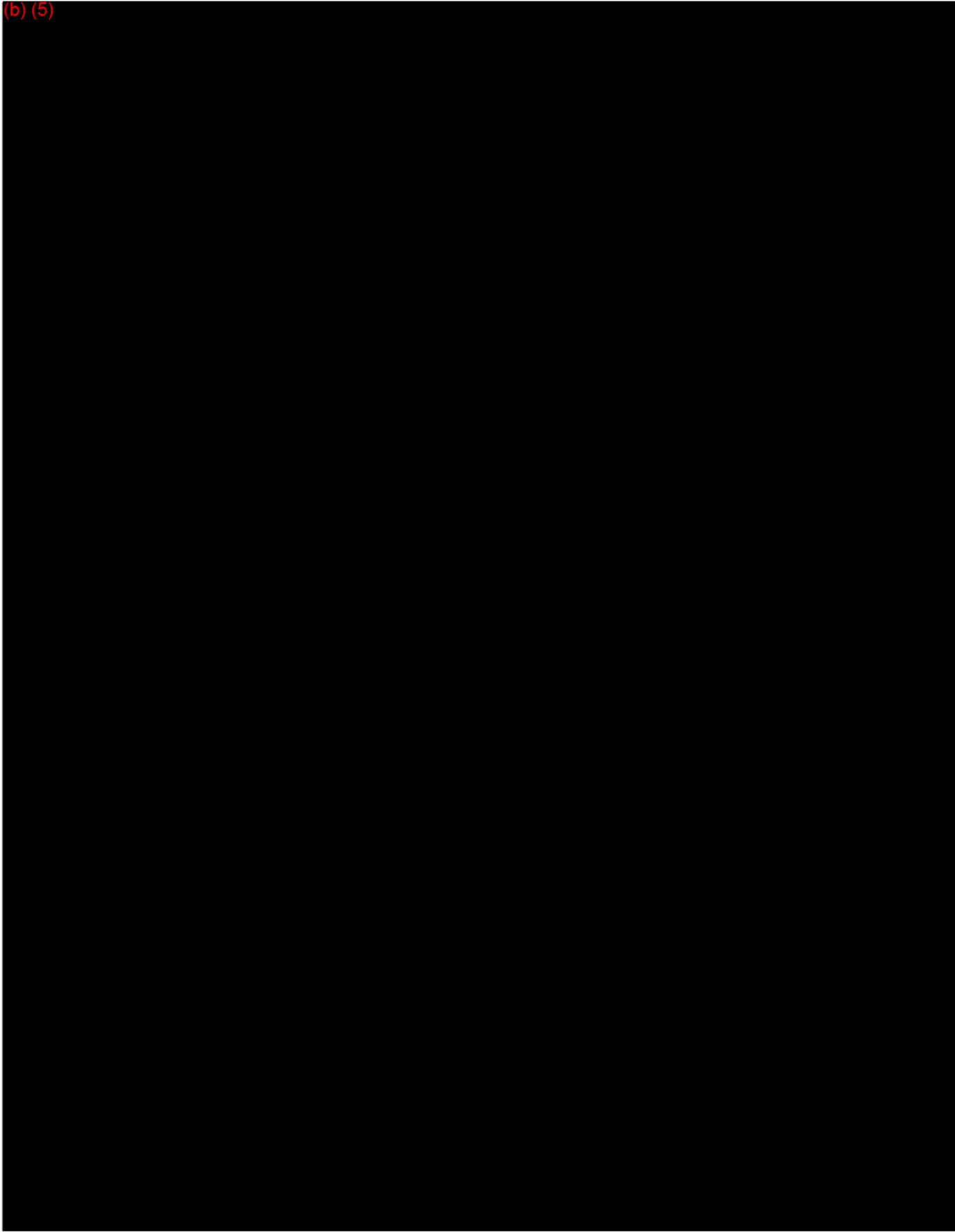
On January 9, the Interagency Working Group on Domestic Energy Development and Permitting in Alaska convened in the Department of the Interior to discuss oil spill preparedness and response in Alaska. Senior representatives from the following agencies were in attendance: DOI, EPA, CEQ, OSTP, USCG, BOEM, OSRD, BSEE, OFC, NOAA, USACE, and DOE. This memorandum provides a non-verbatim account of the discussion.

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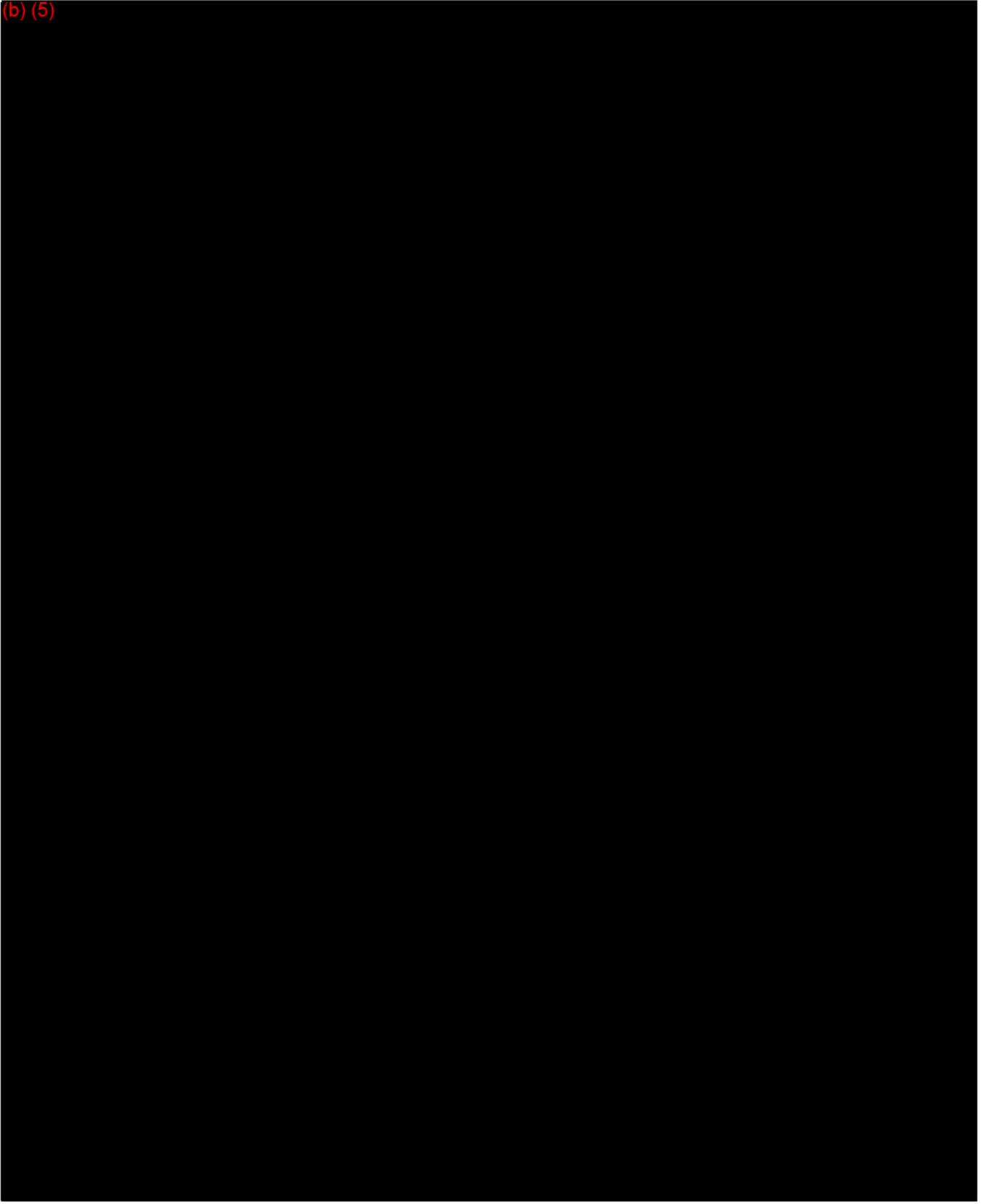
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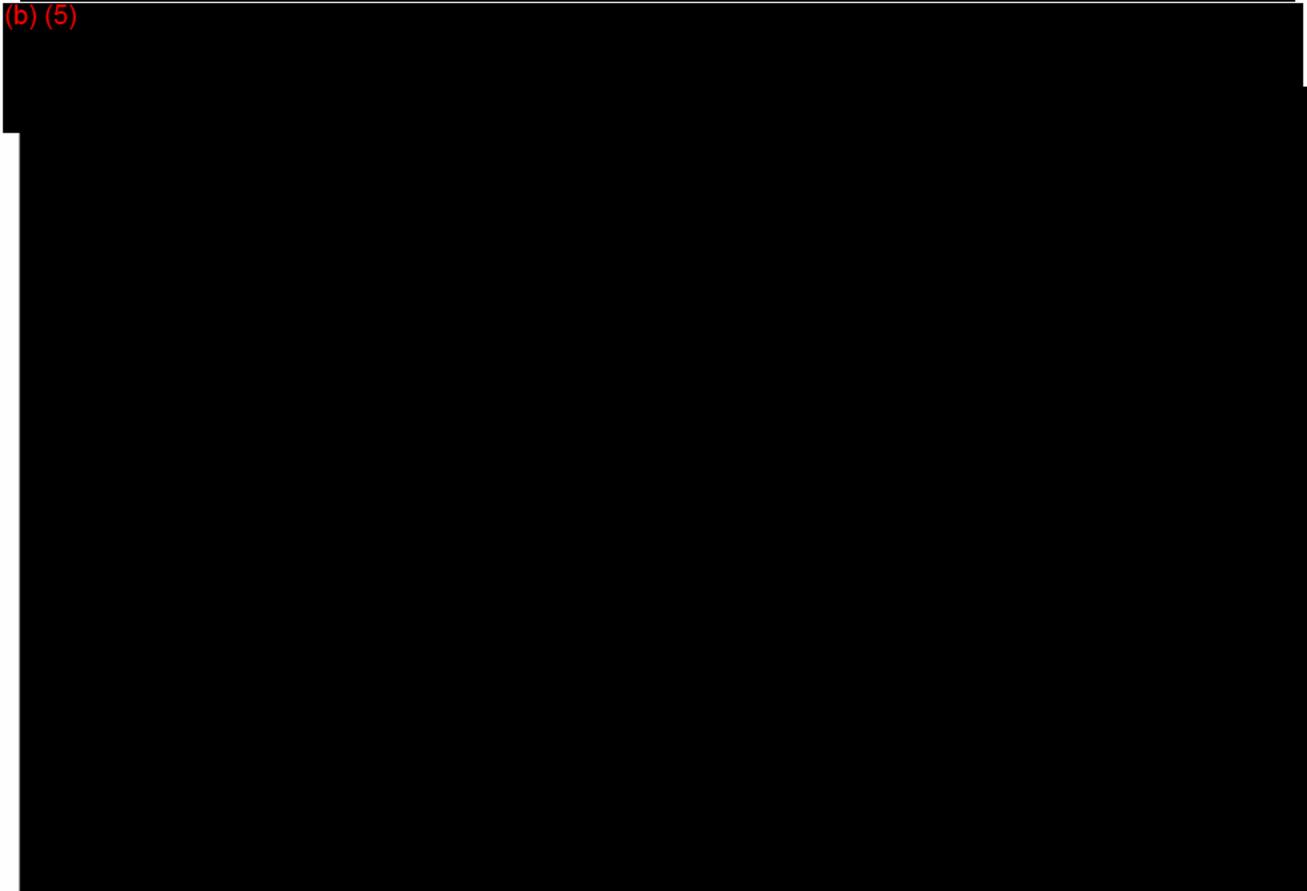
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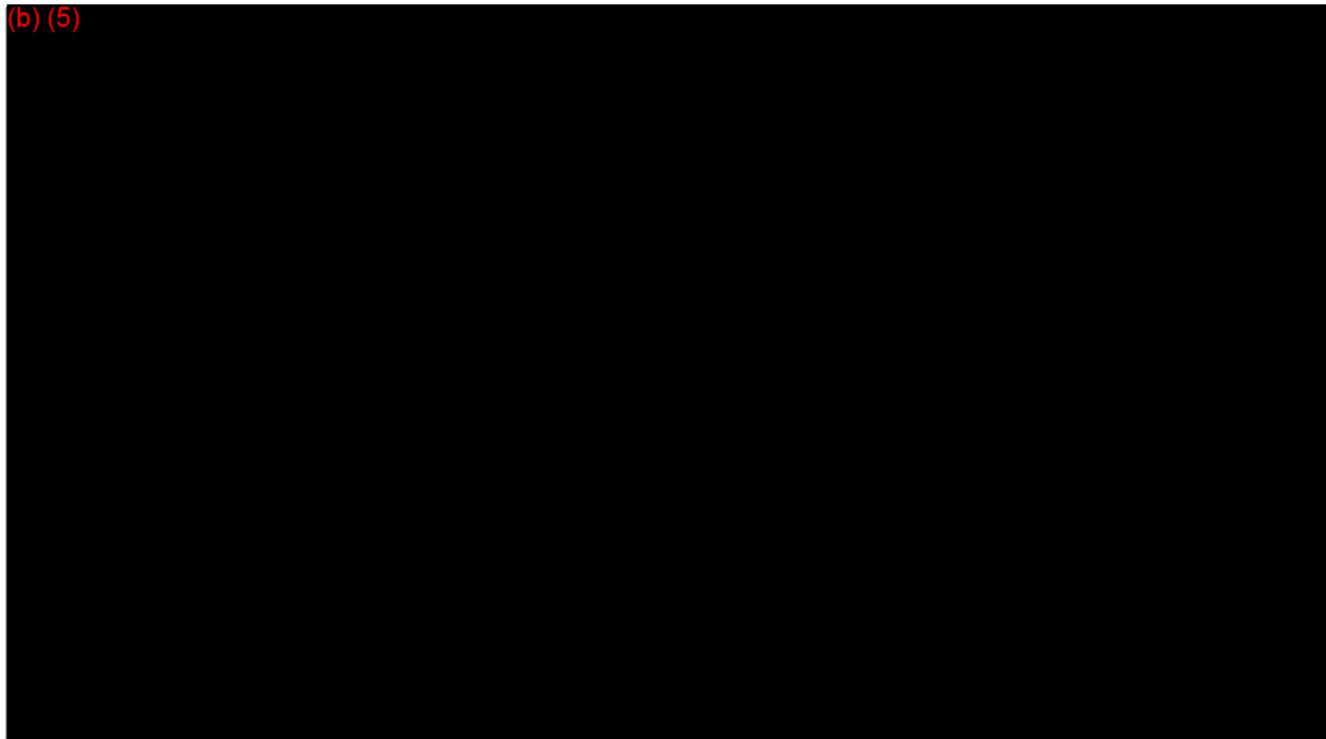
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## Anderson, James E

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**Subject:** Deputy Level Meeting on Alaska Oil Spill Response (Staff: James Watson; Tommy Beaudreau, Laura Davis, Kim Elton, Raya Bakalov, Lizzie Marsters, Sarah Greenberger)

**Location:** 5160

**Start:** Mon 1/9/2012 3:00 PM  
**End:** Mon 1/9/2012 3:45 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

**Organizer:** Hayes, David

**Required Attendees:** Bob Perciasepe; Brian Salerno ; Cynthia Quarterman; Daniel Poneman; Heather Zichal; Heidi Avery; Jason Bordoff; Jay Jensen; Jo-Ellen Darcy; John Porcari; Kathleen Merrigan; Larry Persily; Monica Medina ; Sally Ericsson; Steven Fetter; Watson, James A; 'Beaudreau, Tommy'; Elton, Kim; Bakalov, Raya V; Marsters, Lizzie; Davis, Laura; Greenberger, Sarah D; Amy.S.Klein@usace.army.mil

**Optional Attendees:** 'Barre, Michael'; Gailliard, Laverne; 'Fetter, Steve'; 'vincent.white@dot.gov'; 'Jensen, Jay'

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**Anderson, James E**

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**Subject:** Deputy-level Alaska Spill Response Meeting (Staff: Tommy Beaudreau, Shoshana Lew, James Watson, Sarah Greenberger, Raya Bakalov, Marcilynn Burke)

**Location:** Main Interior Building, Room 5160

**Start:** Thu 2/2/2012 4:00 PM  
**End:** Thu 2/2/2012 5:30 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

**Organizer:** Hayes, David

**Required Attendees:** Bob Perciasepe; Brian Salerno ; Cynthia Quarterman; Daniel Poneman; Heather Zichal; Heidi Avery; Jason Bordoff; Jay Jensen; Jo-Ellen Darcy; John Porcari; Kathleen Merrigan; Larry Persily; Monica Medina ; Sally Ericsson; Steven Fetter; Castle, Anne; Trujillo, Tanya M.; 'john.klein@osd.mil'; arthur.blazer@osec.usda.gov; Atkinson, Karen J; Bakalov, Raya V; Marsters, Lizzie; Anderson, James E; Watson, James A; Burke, Marcilynn; Davis, Laura; Greenberger, Sarah D; Feldgus, Steven H; McNutt, Marcia K.; 'Amy.S.Klein@usace.army.mil'; Beaudreau, Tommy; Lew, Shoshana M

**Optional Attendees:** 'Fetter, Steve'; Manydeeds, Stephen; 'Salt, Terrence C SES (US)'; Bodenchuk, Dennis

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Message from David Hayes:

Colleagues,

Given the need to complete review of oil spill response planning associated with potential drilling in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas this summer, I am scheduling a meeting of the Deputy-level Interagency Working Group on Energy and Permitting in Alaska for next Thursday, February 2 at 4:00 p.m. We will host the meeting in the Department of the Interior, Room 5160. I know that schedules for many of my fellow principals are challenging, so we also will have a call-in number: 1-866-616-8702; Participant Code: 1920145. Please RSVP by sending an email to Raya Bakalov, at [Raya\\_Bakalov@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Raya_Bakalov@ios.doi.gov). An Outlook invitation will follow.

We will cover two primary areas in the meeting. First, Jim Watson will lead a discussion regarding spill response planning, and the issues that are being addressed by USCG, BSEE, NOAA, EPA and USGS under his leadership. Thanks to all for the attention that you have been devoting to this very important set of issues over recent weeks. As we reach closure on the question of the sufficiency of Shell's spill response plan, we must demonstrate a whole-of-government approach to spill response issues. This type of multi-agency preparatory exercise has not been undertaken before in this comprehensive a manner. It will be an ongoing effort, but we must ensure that we have the building blocks in place, and that's what we'll be discussing on February 2.

The second issue area is renewable energy. Four working groups on renewable energy have been stood up under the Interagency Working Group, and they have begun to chart their future activities. We will be asking the chairs of the working groups to provide a brief overview of the groups' planned activities and future focus.

Thanks,

David