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Richard Albright
Director, Office of Air, Waste and Toxics
EA Region 10
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

Subject: OCS Title V Air Quality Operating Permit Number: R10OCS020000

Dear Mr. Albright:

In Section 423 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012, signed by the President on December 23, 2011, Congress transferred jurisdiction for air permitting in some portions of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). Now, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has permitting authority for air emissions associated with ConocoPhillips' planned exploratory drilling in the OCS adjacent to the North Slope Borough in the State of Alaska.

To ensure jurisdictional clarity for our project, ConocoPhillips now formally withdraws the application we submitted to EPA Region 10 on December 1, 2011, for an OCS air permit.

ConocoPhillips appreciates the hard work the EPA has put into timely consideration of our application.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Faust".

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C: Dennis J. McLerran, EPA Region 10 Administrator
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