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Subject Issuance of air permits to Shell

Sirs: I continue to urge timely issuance of OCS air permits for Shell to begin offshore operations in the Chukchi Sea. I have read that up to 35000 jobs are at stake and I know that the country needs further oil and gas resources to reinvigorate and sustain the economy. I have spent a tour on Shemya Island at the far end of the Aleutian island chain and can testify to the vigorous wind patterns in the Bearing sea. I am confident that the Chukchi Sea has similar conditions and emissions from the Frontier Discoverer will pose no burden on the air quality 60 miles offshore for the relatively short period of operation that is being requested. Especially in light of all other ship operations in the area not needing permits or monitoring of this type. Our state needs the jobs and economic activity that will result from all the support required for this exploration. Our state is (like all of the US) is dependent on oil and gas energy as well as receives over 85 % of its revenue from oil and gas operations. The initial permit progress has been encouraging and I urge continued support for this vital operation. The US economy needs this, our state needs it, and all the people of Alaska need it. It can be done very safely. This exploration is in the best interest to all involved. Please issue the permits.

Sincerely,
Richard Braun
resident of Alaska