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Dear Mr. Howell:

On May 5, 2017, Bennu Oil & Gas, LLC (Bennu) submitted a request for a Suspension of Production (SOP) for Lease OCS-G 24130 (the Lease), Mississippi Canyon (MC) Block 942. The Lease was held by production, pursuant to 30 C.F.R. 250.180, through May 12, 2017. On May 15, 2017, Statoil USA E&P Inc. (Statoil) became designated operator of the Lease, and subsequently amended the May 5 request via correspondence dated June 27, and December 18 and 20, 2017.

On November 30, 2016, Bennu filed a Chapter 7 voluntary bankruptcy petition with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division. In light of the current circumstances surrounding the Lease, additional time is necessary to properly develop the Lease. Pursuant to 30 C.F.R. 250.174(a), we hereby direct a Suspension of Production (SOP) for the Lease effective May 13, 2017. The SOP does not prohibit Statoil from commencing production during its term. The directed suspension will automatically end when production into the sales line commences from the Lease, or on March 31, 2018, whichever is earlier.

Since BSEE is directing an SOP for the Lease, the request for a granted SOP, dated May 5, 2017, and supplemented by correspondence dated June 27, and December 18 and 20, 2017, is moot and therefore denied.

Sincerely,  
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