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Mr. Scott Angelle
Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Angelle:

As you are likely aware, Canada's National Energy Board (NEB) and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) have a longstanding relationship through such organizations as the International Regulator's Forum and the North American Regulators Working Group on Safety Culture. Consistent with that collaborative relationship, our organizations established a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2013 that set out a framework for working together on opportunities of mutual interest. That MOU expired in February 2018.

As discussed between our professional staff and yours, it seems administratively efficient and effective to describe our future relationship in the form of this letter in lieu of renewing the MOU.

It is our desire that the NEB and BSEE continue to cooperate and share information on regulatory approaches, processes, best practices and other related matters (such as those noted above), and to seek additional opportunities for cooperation. Through such a relationship we anticipate mutual benefits in the promotion and enhancement of safety and environmental protection for the purpose of preventing harm.

I and my staff look forward to our continued relationship with BSEE. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Keith Landra, NEB's Chief Safety Officer, at (403) 299-2727.

Yours sincerely,

Tracy Sletto
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Ms. Tracy Sletto
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Dear Ms. Sletto,

The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) values its longstanding relationship with the National Energy Board (NEB), both bilaterally and through multilateral forums. Through our agencies' cooperation under the February 2013 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), we have exchanged information and best practices that have allowed us to foster safe, environmentally-sustainable offshore energy production in the U.S. and Canada.

As our colleagues have discussed, it makes the most sense to outline our bilateral cooperation through this letter instead of a renewed MOU. This will reduce the administrative burden on our organizations and allow us to focus on safety, the environment, and production.

I am confident that the cooperation between BSEE and the NEB will permit us to continue to oversee safe, responsible energy production by exploring ways to evaluate and mitigate risk more effectively, promoting a strong culture of safety, and exchanging information on other areas of mutual interest as they arise.

I look forward to continuing our close collaboration with the NEB, which contributes to North American energy security while advancing safety and protecting the environment. Please contact Julie Fleming, Chief of Congressional and International Affairs, at julie.fleming@bsee.gov or 202-208-3827 if you have questions for BSEE.

Sincerely,

Scott Angelle