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Dear Steven Welch,

Thank you for your letter dated June 9, 2022 notifying the National Archives Records Administration (NARA) of the potential loss or damage to electronic records from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM).

Your letter indicated that the Alaska Region Outer Continental Shelf Rule documents from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Office of the Director were stored on compact discs (CD) at the Bureau's regional office in Sterling, VA, but are no longer retrievable on these CDs.

NARA acknowledges that BOEM is currently investigating whether or not copies of the records are filed elsewhere, and will submit a full report in accordance with 36 CFR 1230 by July 10, 2022. I appreciate your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please contact me at [laurence.brewer@nara.gov](mailto:laurence.brewer@nara.gov).

Sincerely,

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