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Steven Welch
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Dear Steven Welch,

Thank you for your letter dated May 26, 2023, notifying the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) of the potential loss of records from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM).

Your notification letter indicates that the BOEM, Pacific Region, Office of Strategic Resources had two boxes containing 23 reels of geophysical data that may have been lost during shipment. The regional office in Camarillo, CA shipped 35 boxes of reels to a vendor for digitization, and 2 of the 35 boxes have not been accounted for since shipment.

Additionally, the letter states that the missing records are temporary and following digitization, BOEM planned to refile the reels with the Riverside, CA Federal Records Center for the remainder of its retention period.

NARA acknowledges that BOEM is currently investigating whether or not copies of the missing records are filed elsewhere, and will submit a full report in accordance with 36 CFR 1230 by July 7, 2023. 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laurence M. Brewer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L'.

LAURENCE BREWER
Chief Records Officer
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cc: David Alspach,
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