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Mr. James Kendall
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Re: Comments on Revised Draft SEIS, Lease Sale 193, Chukchi Sea

Dear Mr. Kendall:

On behalf of the The Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) we welcome the opportunity to make comment on the Department of Interior's revised Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Outer Continental Shelf, Alaska OCS Region, Chukchi Sea Planning Area, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 193. IECA supports the BOEMRE to move forward with the Lease Sale 193 by finalizing the environmental impact review process.

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$800 billion in annual sales and with more than 750,000 employees nationwide. It is an organization created to promote the interests of manufacturing companies through advocacy and collaboration for which the availability, use and cost of energy, power or feedstock play a significant role in their ability to compete in domestic and world markets. IECA membership represents a diverse set of industries including: plastics, cement, paper, food processing, brick, chemicals, fertilizer, insulation, steel, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, aluminum and brewing.

Especially important is the well documented fact that the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System that delivers oil production to the West Coast has experienced a throughput reduction from 2.1 million barrels per day to only 650,000 barrels per day. Increased Alaska production is needed to fill this vital pipeline.

It is vially important that the US produce more oil and natural gas domestically because it increases energy security and creates good paying jobs. Increased production also supports lower energy prices that are needed by our manufactuirng sector to compete globally, create jobs and exports. We strongly encourage Lease Sale 193 to proceed.

Sincerely,

Paul Cicio
President