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**Via Overnight Mail**

Mr. Greg Kann, FOIA Officer  
Department of the Interior  
Minerals Management Service  
P.O. Box 25165  
Denver Federal Center  
Denver, Colorado 80225-0165

**Re: Order dated May 11, 2000  
Appeal Docket No. MMS-00-0063-OCS  
Deepwater Subsea Transportation Allowance - Oyster System  
FOIA Request**

Dear Mr. Kann:

Enclosed you will find Marathon Oil Company's FOIA Request in support of its appeal to the Director of the Minerals Management Service of the order dated May 11, 2000.

I have also enclosed a copy of the first page of the FOIA Request and ask that you date stamp it upon receipt and return it to me in the enclosed, self-addressed postage-paid envelope.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Dow L. Campbell'.

Dow L. Campbell

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Enclosures

cc: R. E. Good  
C. A. Sudlow

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BEFORE THE DIRECTOR  
OF THE MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE**

Marathon Oil Company

(MMS-00-0063-OCS)  
Deepwater Subsea Transportation Allowance - Oyster System

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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

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In order to respond completely to the Order issued to Marathon Oil Company ("Marathon") by the Royalty Valuation Division of the Minerals Management Service ("MMS") on May 11, 2000, ("Order") Marathon hereby makes a Freedom of Information Request pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552 et seq. for the following information within the control of the Department of the Interior:

Provide every document which addresses, describes, discusses, supports or refers to the definition and reasoning behind using "adjacent" as a requirement in identifying non-qualifying leases in the Memorandum dated May 20, 1999, entitled "Guidance For Determining Transportation Allowance for Production from Leases in Water Depths Greater Than 200 Meters" from the Associate Director for Royalty Management (Lucy Querques Denett) to the RMP Audit Managers and Chief of the Royalty Valuation Division.

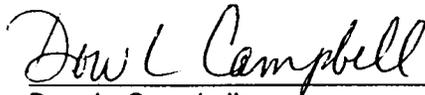
Provide every document which addresses, describes, discusses, supports or refers to the notes or discussions of the November 16, 1998, MMS Workshop on Deepwater Transportation held pursuant to the notice at 63 Federal Register 56217 (October 21, 1998).

Marathon hereby agrees to pay all reasonable fees associated with this FOIA request.

Respectfully submitted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000.

**Marathon Oil Company**

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