

June 30, 2010

Mr. Michael Bromwich, Director
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement
U.S. Department of Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Bromwich:

As you implement the break-up of the former U.S. Minerals Management Service, you will no doubt encounter much material bearing the MMS logo or seal. Please resist the urge to throw this material away.

Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) urges you to recycle paper and other recyclable material and to donate what cannot be reused.

Apart from avoiding the sheer waste of public resources, you should regard the piles of pen sets, coffee cups, windbreakers, etc. as important cultural and historical resources. These relics mark the existence of what has become an important institution, whose role, actions and policies have left an imprint and made an impact that all Americans will experience for years to come.

This trove of agency memorabilia has independent significance, evidencing the concerns, priorities and mindset of the former MMS. As you move forward with a new institution it is important that we do not forget the legacy of your predecessors.

To the extent that you are having trouble deciding what to do with the piles of MMS mementos, please consider letting PEER take them off your hands. We will make sure that these items find appreciative homes. Please contact me if we can be of assistance in this regard.

Sincerely,

Jeff Ruch
Executive Director