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Memorandum

To: Jeffrey Gleason
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From: *SA Eric May*
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Subject: Notification of Investigations Issues

In order to prepare for our interview on October 26, 2011, the following information is provided.

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the Department of Interior is investigating the manuscript that was published by the journal *Polar Biology* in 2006 titled, "Observations of mortality associated with extended open-water swimming by polar bears in the Alaskan Beaufort Sea." We intend to discuss actions taken in your official capacity as an ecologist that include follow-up questions to your previous interview with the OIG regarding the integrity and representation of your official work.

The Department of Justice has declined criminal prosecution regarding matters we will discuss in this interview. Therefore, the interview will be administrative in nature and the results will be provided to the BOEMRE Director for appropriate action upon the conclusion of the investigation. At the beginning of the interview, we will fully advise you of your rights and responsibilities pursuant to *Kalkines v. United States*.

Consistent with our office policy, you are permitted to have legal representation during the interview either in the room or on the phone, it's your choice. This does not mean that you can bring any number of people to the interview; we request that you advise us in advance of the interview the name of the individual who will represent you. In a similar manner to your previous interview, OIG Agents will record the interview and upon your request, you will be provided with a copy of the transcription after it is available.