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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed rulemaking. We believe that industry's comments have been extremely beneficial to the rulemaking process and have improved the regulations to everyone's benefit. However, providing beneficial comments within 30 days of a rulemaking published in the Federal Register is very difficult with the current activity level in the Gulf of Mexico and the shrinking number of personnel available to provide comments. This is especially true for comments consolidated by industry groups for submittal. For these types of rulemakings, a minimum of a 60-day comment is much more appropriate.

We have read through the proposed rulemaking and identified some questions and concerns with the rulemaking. But by no means are they ready to be submitted as formal comments to the rulemaking. In order to provide meaningful comments that will improve any regulation that stems from the advance notice, we feel there is a need for more time than has been allocated to consider some of the issues. Even though the rulemaking appears simple, it certainly is not. More time for review and analysis will improve the product. Therefore, we request that you grant an extension of at least 30 days to the time allowed to comment on the rulemaking. Doing so will allow companies and individuals an appropriate length of time to assemble beneficial comments.

Thank you for your consideration.

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