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Mr. Jeffery Kitchens
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Dear Mr. Kitchens:

Enclosed for your review and comment is a Consistency Determination (CD) that evaluates the Gulf of America Region (GOAR) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 262 in connection with the Alabama Coastal Area Management Program (ACAMP). The GOAR Lease Sale 262 is tentatively scheduled for December 10, 2025. Based on the analyses in the enclosed CD and in the environmental impact statements prepared for this lease sale, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has determined that GOAR Lease Sale 262 will be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the policies of the ACAMP that the State of Alabama has identified as enforceable.

BOEM has prepared the CD in accordance with the requirements of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) (16 U.S.C. §§ 1451-1464). BOEM is required to determine whether GOAR Lease Sale 262 will be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of Alabama's approved coastal management program (16 U.S.C. § 1456(c)(1)(A)). While BOEM reviewed and made a consistency determination on the policies that Alabama identified as being enforceable in its submission for CZMA Section 306 approval, neither the Department of the Interior nor BOEM make a judgment on, nor imply that, such policies are enforceable or can be enforced under the laws of the State of Alabama.

As part of its National Environmental Policy Act responsibilities, BOEM analyzed the potential environmental impacts of this lease sale in the [*GOM Oil and Gas Draft Programmatic EIS*](#) (Draft GOM Oil and Gas PEIS) and in the *2024-2029 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Final Program (2024-2029 National OCS Oil and Gas Program)*, <https://www.boem.gov/nepaprocess>.

BOEM requests that any comments on the CD be submitted within 60 days of receipt of this letter, pursuant to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's regulation at 15 CFR § 930.41(a). Please send your comments to Mr. Perry Boudreaux, Supervisor, Environmental

Assessment Unit 1, Office of Environment, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, New Orleans Office, via email at perry.boudreaux@boem.gov.

Thank you for your assistance in this important matter. BOEM appreciates having a cooperative working relationship with the State of Alabama in planning and conducting offshore oil and gas activities.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure