UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

September 28, 2011

To: Public Information (MS 5030)

From: Plan Coordinator, FO, Plans Section (MS 5231)

Subject: Public Information copy of plan

Control # - N-09577

Type - Initial Exploration Plan

Lease(s) - OCS-G22896 Block - 710 Mississippi Canyon Area

Operator - ATP Oil & Gas Corporation

Description - Subsea Wells A and B

Rig Type - SEMISUBMERSIBLE

Attached is a copy of the subject plan.

It has been deemed submitted as of this date and is under review for approval.

Michelle Griffitt
Plan Coordinator

Site Type/Name	Botm Lse/Area/Blk	Surface Location	Surf Lse/Area/Blk
WELL/A	G22896/MC/710	1200 FNL, 7934 FEL	G22896/MC/710
WELL/B	G22896/MC/710	1200 FNL, 7984 FEL	G22896/MC/710

(iv) Worst-Case Scenario Determination:

Category	Regional OSRP WCD	Exploratory WCD
Type of Activity	Exploration	Exploration
Facility Location (Area/Block)	MC710	MC710
Facility Designation	Well Location A	Well Location A
Distance to Nearest Shoreline (miles)	49	49
Volume: Storage Tanks & Piping (total) Lease Term Pipeline Uncontrolled Blowout (vol./day) Total Volume	 143,374 BOPD 143,374 BOPD	 143,374 BOPD 143,374 BOPD
Type of Oil(s) – crude oil, condensate, diesel	Crude	Crude
API Gravity	35.4°	35.4°

On May 5, 2011, ATP submitted a modification to the current Regional OSRP to add MC710 as an exploratory worst case scenario with a discharge volume of 107,291 BOPD. By email dated July 9, 2011 the BOEMRE calculated a worst case discharge for this location is an estimated 143,374 BOPD. ATP has agreed with the volume calculation of the BOEMRE and modified the Regional OSRP on August 1, 2011.

It is estimated that the time to kill a blowout volume at worst case discharge via a surface intervention is 25 to 35 days. Containment via a subsea intervention, i.e. Helix capping stack, is estimated at about 10 days.

Since ATP has the capability to respond to the appropriate worst-case spill scenario to be included in its regional OSRP, I hereby certify that ATP has the capability to respond, to the maximum extent practicable, to a worst-case discharge, or a substantial threat of such a discharge, resulting from the activities proposed in this EP.

In accordance with NTL 2010-N06, enclosed as ***Exhibit 8*** are assumptions with supporting calculations, including reservoir and fluid characteristics, PVT characteristics, and analog reservoirs, used to determine the daily discharge volume for the activities proposed in this EP.

B. Oil Spill Response Discussion:

Included as ***Exhibit 9*** is a discussion of ATP's response to an oil spill resulting from the activities proposed in this EP.