

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

In re:)	
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Shell Gulf of Mexico Inc.)	OCS Appeal Nos. 10-01 through 10-04
Shell Offshore Inc.)	
Frontier Discoverer Drilling Unit)	
)	
OCS Permit No. R10OCS/PSD-AK-09-01)	
OCS Permit No. R10OCS/PSD-AK-2010-01))	

**SHELL GULF OF MEXICO INC.'S AND SHELL OFFSHORE INC.'S
NOTICE OF RELATED DECISION**

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Shell Gulf of Mexico Inc. and Shell Offshore Inc. (collectively, “Shell”) hereby provide notice of the recently issued decision in *Native Village of Point Hope v. Salazar*, No. 1:08-cv-0004 (D. Alaska July 21, 2010). In that case plaintiffs had challenged the Secretary of the Interior’s decision to conduct the lease sale in the Chukchi Sea in which Shell Gulf of Mexico Inc. acquired its leases in the Chukchi Sea. The court’s decision enjoins all activity under that lease sale.

Shell is currently evaluating the impact of that decision on its activities in the Chukchi Sea. For purposes of the Board’s review, Shell notes that the decision has no impact on its activities in the Beaufort Sea, which will explore leases issued pursuant to a different lease sale. Moreover, many of the issues raised in the above-captioned appeals are broadly applicable such that decisions made for one Outer Continental Shelf air permit could be relevant in any proceeding regarding another Outer Continental Shelf air permit. For those reasons, Shell submits that the court’s decision in *Native Village of Point Hope v. Salazar* should not affect the Board’s decision to move forward with a decision in these appeals.

Respectfully submitted,

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