

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

AMERICAN PETROLEUM)	
INSTITUTE, et al.,)	
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<i>Petitioners,</i>)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 22-1222
)	
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF)	
THE INTERIOR, et al.,)	
)	
<i>Respondents.</i>)	
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ABEYANCE STATUS REPORT

In April 2023, this Court granted the parties' Joint Motion for an Abeyance Order, ECF # 1992847 (Apr. 3, 2023). The Court held the case in abeyance pending completion of proceedings by Respondents (Interior) to develop the next five-year program for oil and gas leasing on the Outer Continental Shelf (the Five-Year Program). And the Court directed Interior to file status reports at 60-day intervals beginning June 2, 2023. Thus, Interior submits this report on its progress developing the Five-Year Program.

1. Interior continues to take the necessary steps to prepare the next Five-Year Program. In March 2023, the U.S. Energy Information Administration released the Annual Energy Outlook for 2023. Interior is using modeling information from the Energy Outlook for the analyses needed to complete the

fourth of five steps in developing the Five-Year Program (publishing the Proposed Final Program).

2. Interior remains on track to complete and publish the Proposed Final Program in September 2023. And Interior continues to expect that the Secretary of the Interior will approve the next Five-Year Program in December 2023.

Interior will submit another status report in 60 days.

Respectfully submitted,

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