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To: [Michael Weiss - NOAA Federal](#)
Subject: Re: BOEM email request re: oil and gas legislation/regulations in sanctuaries
Date: Friday, June 02, 2017 7:05:15 AM

OK - seems those kind of requests should go through channels given what else is going on.

On Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 11:00 PM, Michael Weiss - NOAA Federal
<michael.weiss@noaa.gov> wrote:

Hi Randy.

This came in to our sanctuaries folks. Seems related to the EOs.

Lets discuss at our check in tomorrow.

Thanks,

Michael

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From: **Mirani, Aditi** <aditi.mirani@boem.gov>
Date: Wed, May 24, 2017 at 6:49 AM
Subject: Information on sanctuaries and oil and gas drilling
To: sanctuaries@noaa.gov

Hello,

My name is Aditi Mirani and I work for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) an agency within DOI.

I am trying to get information on the NOAA marine sanctuaries and oil/gas drilling. I found a document (see attached document) with the following information and have some follow up questions. Is there a more updated document/information regarding the sanctuaries with respect to oil and gas drilling?

#1. Federal Legislation (Page 5) - Congress prohibited oil and gas activities in Cordell Bank, Olympic Coast, Monterey Bay, and Florida Keys national marine sanctuaries.

Question -- Is this accurate or are there any more sanctuaries for which the legislation is applicable for?

#3. Sanctuary Regulations (Page 5): NOAA's regulations for sanctuaries generally prohibit exploring for, producing or developing hydrocarbons in sanctuaries. The only exceptions include:

- Oil and gas activities are allowed in Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary outside of designated No Activity Zones;
- Laying pipelines associated with oil and gas activities outside sanctuaries is allowed in the Gulf of Farallones and Channel Islands national marine sanctuaries; and
- Although there is technically no prohibition on oil and gas activities in Thunder Bay and Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale national marine sanctuaries, these areas are not known to contain extractable oil and gas resources.

Are there any updates/changes to these exceptions?

Thank you in advance and I look forward to hearing from you!

Regards,
Aditi Mirani

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