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Mr. Robert S. Thompson
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Subject: Request for Correction of Information in the June 11, 2009 *Report to Secretary Ken Salazar Regarding the Potential Leasing of 77 Parcels in Utah*

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This letter is in response to your August 21, 2009, request on behalf of Questar Exploration and Production Co. ("Questar") for Correction of Information under the Information Quality Act (IQA). Questar's request was for corrections of information in Deputy Secretary David Hayes' *Report to Secretary Ken Salazar Regarding the Potential Leasing of 77 Parcels in Utah*, dated June 11, 2009.

The Department of the Interior (Department) and the Bureau of Land Management are committed to following guidelines published under the IQA. After careful review, it has been determined that Questar's requests for correction of information fall outside the scope of the IQA. The IQA and related regulations do not contemplate the types of requests made in your August 21, 2009, letter.

The IQA provides a mechanism for persons to seek correction of information that does not comply with OMB or agency guidelines. The Department guidelines implementing the IQA define "Information" as:

Information means any communication or representation of knowledge such as facts or data, in any medium or form, including textual, numerical, graphic, cartographic, narrative, or audiovisual forms. This definition includes information that the Department disseminates from a web page, but does not include the provision of hyperlinks to information that others disseminate. This definition does not include opinions where Departmental presentation makes it clear that what is being offered is someone's opinion rather than fact or the Department's views.

U.S. Dept. of the Interior. *Information Quality Guidelines*
Pursuant To Section 515 Of The Treasury And General
Government Appropriations Act For Fiscal Year 2001, Sec.VII.5.

The IQA is not a mechanism for challenging policy decisions. Questar's 19 requests and their subparts seek to challenge agency policies and procedures (or characterizations thereof), rather than the correction of information as contemplated under the IQA. As a result, the request for correction of information cannot be granted.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you can do so by sending an appeal within 21 days to Ronnie Levine, Chief Information Officer, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC, 20240.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronnie Levine", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ronnie Levine
Assistant Director, Information Resources Management