



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
PHIL BRYANT, GOVERNOR
MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BRENT CHRISTENSEN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

September 21, 2012

Robert Wiygul, Esquire
Walter and Wiygul
101 Iberville Drive
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

**CERTIFIED MAIL –
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Dear Mr. Wiygul:

Having thoroughly reviewed the hearing record, findings of fact and recommended decision of the hearing officer, it is clear to me that the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) followed the proper procedures in establishing the rules and regulations for offshore seismic surveying and leasing, as authorized by the Mississippi Legislature.

As the hearing officer noted, proper notice was given to the public, changes were made after considering public input, there was fair and adequate consideration given to the comments of all interested persons, the economic impact statements were adequate for the adoption of the rules and regulations, and the rules and regulations took into consideration the public trust. Those rules and regulations are now in place, and I am not compelled to alter them. The relief requested by the Sierra Club and Gulf Restoration Network is hereby denied; MDA is moving forward to execute its responsibilities under the legislation that entrusted this oversight to our organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "BCH", written over a horizontal line.

Brent Christensen
Executive Director