

**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Natural Resources**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Ms. Elizabeth Klein  
Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management  
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Dear Ms. Klein:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources at an oversight hearing on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, titled, "*Examining the Biden Administration's Unprecedented Obstruction of the BOEM Offshore Leasing Program.*"

Your testimony was extremely helpful in defining the Subcommittee's understanding of the issue and I appreciate the effort you took to prepare and present your testimony. While many questions were asked during the hearing, the Subcommittee has additional questions, attached, for your reply.

Please forward your responses to Lonnie Smith, Clerk of the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, at [Lonnie.smith@mail.house.gov](mailto:Lonnie.smith@mail.house.gov) by November 6, 2023. Your assistance in meeting this deadline is requested, as failure to meet it will be noted in the printed transcript.

Once again, thank you for your extensive effort in making this a valuable hearing.

Sincerely,



Pete Stauber  
Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources  
Chairman

Enclosure

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**Oversight Hearing**  
**1324 Longworth House Office Building**  
**October 18, 2023**  
**10:15 AM**

*“Examining the Biden Administration’s Unprecedented Obstruction of the BOEM Offshore Leasing Program.”*

**Questions from Rep. Garret Graves for [Ms. Klein, Director, BOEM]**

1. Director Klein, in every lease awarded, whether for traditional energy or renewable energy, BOEM includes language that states: “lessees must conduct all activities in the leased area consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.” How does BOEM conduct oversight to ensure activities conducted on the lease, whether conducted by the lessee or contractor of the lessee, are in full compliance with applicable law, particularly with respect to those laws outside the jurisdiction of the Department?
2. Further, what are the procedures if BOEM is made aware that a lessee has contracted with a foreign company that is operating in violation of U.S. law? If BOEM determines a lessee is not conducting all activities legally, what is the range of remedies BOEM has at its discretion?