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U.S. Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Safety & Environmental Enforcement  
Office of the Director  
1849 C Street NW, Mail Stop DE5438  
Washington, DC 20240

Re: Docket No. BSEE-2015-0002: Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer  
Continental Shelf— Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control - Request for Extension  
of Comment Period

Via electronic submission to: <http://www.regulations.gov/>

Director Salerno:

Chevron North America Exploration and Production Company (Chevron) respectfully requests an extension of an additional 120 days to the comment period associated with the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking referenced above. Chevron has designated a significant level of staff and subject matter experts to the review of the proposed rule. Based upon their preliminary evaluation, we concur with the Bureau's assessment of the rule's significance, representing it as *"one of the most substantial rulemakings in the history of the BSEE and its predecessor organizations."* In addition to the request for comments on the proposed rule itself, the Bureau has also solicited input to over 50 complex questions and far reaching proposals, many of which lie outside of the proposed rule but in the accompanying preamble. Given the comprehensive nature of the rule, as well as the substantive information requests sought by the Bureau for consideration during the rulemaking process, sixty days is not adequate.

The additional 120 days are needed to allow Chevron, as well as other affected entities, the time needed to thoroughly review the new requirements as well as proposed changes to existing regulations affecting the numerous systems critical to well control operations. Chevron is committed to both safe offshore oil and gas operations and aiding the Bureau in the promulgation of a robust and effective well control rule.

In closing, Chevron requests your consideration of the extension of an additional 120 days and respectfully encourages you to consider the importance of a timely response. Should you have any questions regarding this letter or wish to discuss further, please feel free to contact me at 504-432-6794.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandi M. Fury", written over a white background.