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U.S. Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Safety & Environmental Enforcement  
Office of the Director  
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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/>

Dear Director Salerno:

BP Exploration & Production Inc. (BP) respectfully requests a 120-day extension to the originally proposed comment period for the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking referenced above. Our subject matter experts are reviewing the proposed rule and engaging in industry discussions to inform the comments that will be submitted. Based upon our preliminary review, we concur with the agency's assessment that this rule "*represents one of the most substantial rulemakings in the history of the BSEE and its predecessor organizations.*"<sup>1</sup>

It is BP's intent to perform a thorough and comprehensive technical review to help industry develop comments that will significantly aid in the creation of a robust and effective well control final rule. BP is committed to safe operations and supports effective regulations that improve the performance of blowout preventer systems and well control operations. It is therefore critical that adequate time be afforded to thoughtfully respond to the Agency's request for information and feedback.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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