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Janice Schneider  
Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management  
and  
Director Brian Salerno  
Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement  
Department of Interior  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20240

**Re: Comment deadline for BSEE's proposed BOP and Well Control Regulations: RIN 1014-AA11**

Dear Assistant Secretary Schneider and Director Salerno,

The Pew Charitable Trusts is writing to recommend that you do not extend the comment deadline for the proposed Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control Rule. The Department of the Interior (DOI) has already spent years developing this rule based on recommendations from investigations and studies following the *Deepwater Horizon* and hosted a forum for industry experts, academia and policy makers to discuss further improvements.

Please maintain the June 16, 2015 deadline. Any delay in finalizing this critical regulatory improvement could put people's lives at risk.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Heiman  
Director, U.S. Arctic Program  
The Pew Charitable Trusts