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VIA EMAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear FOIA Officer:

On behalf of Public.Resource.Org, and pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, [5 U.S.C. § 552](#), I am submitting this request for records.

BSEE is currently conducting a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking entitled "Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf-Blower Preventer Systems and Well Control. This Notice of Rulemaking period ends on June 16, 2015. The person listed as a contact in the Federal Register is Kirk Malstrom, Regulations and Standards Branch, 202-258-1518.

I am requesting under FOIA all communications that BSEE had with the American Petroleum Institute (API) discussing making API standards available for public viewing during either the NPRM period or after a rule is promulgated.

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Accordingly, we request that you waive all fees for locating and duplicating the requested record. If, however, a waiver is not granted, and if the fees to be assessed in connection with this request exceed \$100, please obtain my approval before any such costs are incurred.

We will expect a response within 20 working days as provided by law.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at (707) 827-7290.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: David Halperin
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