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Memorandum

To: Kristen Sarri
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget

From: Jeff Carlson *Madeline J. Peterson jec*
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Office of Inspector General

Subject: Verification Review – Recommendations for the Report, “Oil and Gas Leasing in Indian Country: An Opportunity for Economic Development”
(CR-EV-BIA-0001-2011)
Report No. 2016-EAU-039

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) has completed a verification review of seven recommendations presented in the evaluation report “Oil and Gas Leasing in Indian Country: An Opportunity for Economic Development” (CR-EV-BIA-0001-2011), issued September 2012.

The objective of this verification review was to determine whether the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) implemented the recommendations as reported to the Office of Financial Management (PFM), Office of Policy, Management and Budget. We initiated the evaluation to determine the extent to which the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) supports or impedes oil and gas economic development in Indian Country. Further, we analyzed the ability of the BIA and the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development to administer and coordinate Indian oil and gas leasing.

PFM reported to us that seven recommendations in the report had been addressed. Based on our review, we concur that these recommendations 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9 have been resolved and implemented.

We would like to thank BIA for providing the information that we requested during our review. If you have any questions concerning this memorandum, please contact me at 303-236-9243.

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