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Sent: Thur 16/05/2019 4:50:05 PM (UTC)
Subject: Re: Urgent: Opportunity to Comment - BP Arctic exploration
[BP Comments to 2019-2024 5-Year Plan RFI.pdf](#)

Thanks, Becky. To be clear, I was not suggesting whether we should respond. I think the main thing is that we gather the facts so we are as ready as we can be for the story and in advance of the AGM.

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[REDACTED] Suzanne is traveling but I did leave her a voicemail.

BP did submit the attached comments on the DOI's 5-year plan signed by Richard Morrison. As you can see, however, these did not really focus on AK or the Arctic though they reference API and AOGA comments.

Best,

Bob

On May 16, 2019, at 11:45 AM, Raftery, Becky [REDACTED]@uk.bp.com> wrote:

Bob,

I would respectfully disagree that we want to make a statement on this, unless it was extremely generic. The question raised about contacts from two years ago, involving both folks in Alaska as well as elsewhere, seems to me to be very difficult to answer (especially on a short time line) with any certainty, and we'd be worse off if we give an inaccurate answer. The entire series of statements, concluding with the question, makes it clear where the writer and the organization are coming from---and that seems very unlikely to be modified by anything we say. I'd let the 'opportunity' to comment pass—I would not even do a 'no comment' because I think that could be spun as us not being willing to comment, while not responding is just not responding, and less subject to that interpretation.

Happy to discuss—I'm available on my cell, as I'm out today and tomorrow.

Best,
Becky

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From: Stout, Robert [REDACTED]@bp.com>
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Subject: Fwd: Urgent: Opportunity to Comment - BP Arctic exploration

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Thought all of you should be in the loop on this.

Best,
Bob

Sent from my iPhone
Begin forwarded message:

From: "Nicholas, David H" <[REDACTED]@bp.com>
Date: May 16, 2019 at 6:54:38 AM MDT
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Brett, Megan

We've just received this email from Greenpeace's journalistic arm, querying BP lobbying activities in Alaska and wider on opening of ANWR and also Beaufort Sea off Alaska. As you'll see they claim we played – directly and indirectly a 'key role' in lobbying for these areas to be opened for exploration. As you'll see they also ask specifically, for reasons that aren't clear to me, specifically about 1Q 2017.

This also is almost certainly linked to the likely attendance of a Gwich'in representative at our AGM on Tuesday.

I know we had acreage in the Canadian Beaufort Sea with Exxon which is not going forward. But don't know enough about these specific areas and so, with apologies, need to pass these to you for expert input. I imagine we'd want to make a statement - is that something you could take on drafting?

You'll see they ask for a response by 1400 UK tomorrow. I imagine we would be able to stretch this a few hours if necessary, but not by much.

Thanks – please let me know if and how I can help

David

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From: Lawrence Carter <[REDACTED]@unearthednews.org>
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Subject: Urgent: Opportunity to Comment - BP Arctic exploration

Dear David,

As mentioned just now, we intend to publish an article regarding BP's role in the Trump administration's moves to open up two areas of the Alaskan Arctic to oil and gas exploration and I would like to offer you the opportunity to comment.

If you could provide any responses you have to the following points by **14:00 Friday 17th May** it would be much appreciated.

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1) Both directly and through its national-level and Alaskan trade associations, BP has played a key role in lobbying the Trump administration to open up the Beaufort Sea to oil and gas exploration.

2) Both directly and through its national-level and Alaskan trade associations, BP has played a key role in lobbying the Trump administration to open up the Coastal Plain area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas exploration.

3) The Coastal Plain is sacred to the Gwich'in Nation, which calls the area Iizhik Gwats'an Gwandaii Goodlit or The Sacred Place Where Life Begins. A Gwich'in spokesperson told *Unearthed* that drilling in this sacred area poses an existential threat to the Gwich'in people's way of life.

4) The Alaska Oil & Gas Association (AOGA) and Resource Development Council for Alaska (RDC) have led efforts to open up the Beaufort Sea and ANWR to oil and gas exploration. BP holds senior leadership positions at both organisations, giving the company oversight of their lobbying operations.

BP Alaska's president, Janet Weiss, sits on the board of AOGA, while vice president of external affairs, Wendy Lindscoog, sits on the RDC's executive committee.

5) Starlee Sykes, BP president of Gulf of Mexico and Canada, sits on the American Petroleum Institute's (API) upstream committee, which ran a social media campaign in support of leasing in the Coastal Plain through a front group called Energy Citizens.

6) BP lobbied administration officials regarding Arctic oil and gas development in the weeks leading up to President Trump's "America-First Offshore Energy Strategy" executive order, which included provisions to open up Arctic waters to offshore drilling.

Question: What specific points did BP raise with officials regarding Arctic oil and gas development in the first three months of 2017?

As mentioned above, I would be most grateful if you could provide any comment you wish to make by **14:00 Friday 17th May**.

All the best,

Lawrence

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