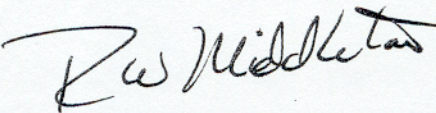


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DATE: May 20, 2004

SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON DEEPWATER PORT  
LICENSING

Attached is the final Memorandum of Understanding for inter-agency coordination on licensing of Deepwater Ports, pursuant to the Deepwater Port Act, which has been signed by each of the Agencies committed to the Understanding: Departments of Defense, Commerce, Energy, Homeland Security, Interior, State, Transportation; Environmental Protection Agency; and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the "Participating Agencies"). As you know, the White House Task Force on Energy Project Streamlining worked closely with senior staff from all of the Participating Agencies to reach consensus on this initiative.

This Understanding is consistent with the goals of the National Energy Policy and Presidential Executive Order 13212. Additionally, it specifies Agency responsibilities, and establishes an important coordination mechanism to ensure timely and efficient review of deepwater port licenses.

Within this Understanding, the importance of the lead Agency is defined without surrendering any of their statutory responsibility or jurisdiction. It is to establish a process to facilitate upfront and timely processing of deepwater port applications for permitting. The Participating Agencies agree to early communications on each permit application. This will aid each Agency in the use of their time and resources, as well as providing a more understandable process for stakeholders and the public.

Thank you for your support in making this important agreement a reality. Your staff has been instrumental and should be commended.

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