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Dear Reviewer:

In accordance with provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), we enclose for your review the draft Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (SFPEIS) for the Fishery Management Plan for Regulating Offshore Marine Aquaculture in the Gulf of Mexico (Aquaculture FMP).

This SFPEIS is prepared pursuant to NEPA to consider new circumstances and information arising from the Deepwater Horizon MC252 blowout, including additional analysis of the management alternatives for the Aquaculture FMP and associated Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement.

Additional copies of the SFPEIS may be obtained from the Responsible Program Official identified below. The document is also accessible electronically on the NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Web site <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov>.

Written comments should be submitted through mail, facsimile (fax), or email to the Responsible Program Official identified below. Written comments submitted during the agency's 45-day public comment period must be received by March 31, 2014. When submitting fax or email comments, include the following document identifier in the comment subject line: **Draft Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Aquaculture FMP.**

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