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Re: Memorandum pursuant to DOE's Ex Parte Guidance Regarding Meeting on June 11, 2012.

Dear Mr. Cohen:

The Center for Regulatory Effectiveness (CRE) is submitting this memorandum pursuant to the Department of Energy's (DOE) Guidance on Ex Parte Communications.¹

On June 11, 2012, Brendan Klapproth and I met with the following DOE officials: Daniel Cohen, Elizabeth Kohl, and Eric Stas. During the meeting, Mr. Klapproth and I discussed the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) decision to take a "fresh look" at current oil shale plans and BLM's recently issued oil shale Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement² (PEIS) that seeks to reduce the land allocated for potential leasing of oil shale by approximately 75 percent. The concern I discussed was that there is potentially 1.5 trillion barrels of recoverable oil from oil shale, and BLM's decision to reduce the land allocated for oil shale, without justification, would effectively eliminate oil shale development in the United States. Given DOE's integral role in U.S. energy policy, I recommended that DOE take an independent evaluation of oil shale policy and the PEIS.

During the meeting, I provided you, Mr. Cohen, with a copy of the public comments that CRE submitted on BLM's oil shale.³

¹ 74 Fed. Reg. at 52795.

² Available at <http://ostseis.anl.gov/documents/peis2012/index.cfm>.

³ Available at <http://www.thecre.com/oil/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/CRE-Oil-Shale-PEIS-Comments.pdf>

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Tozzi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "T".

Jim Tozzi
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