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BRIEFING MEMO

TO: Coastal States Organization; State Coastal Management Programs

FROM: Delaware Coastal Management Program

DATE: May 28, 2020

SUBJECT: Unlisted Activity Request for Mid-South Atlantic Geophysical Survey Activities

Delaware is providing resources related to the development and NOAA's subsequent denial of the request to review an application by TDI Brooks International, Inc. for a geological and geophysical (G&G) permit from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to conduct a survey in federal waters in the South and Mid-Atlantic.

In 2018, the Delaware Coastal Management Program (DCMP) submitted an Unlisted Activity Request (UAR) providing justification of reasonably foreseeable coastal effects from the proposed activities. NOAA's Office for Coastal Management (OCM) denied the request to review the G&G permit from BOEM, citing the State had not met its burden of showing reasonably foreseeable effects on coastal uses or resources of the Delaware coastal zone.

Although the request was denied, the DCMP is providing the documents for reference and guidance purposes.

Enclosed

- 1) 2018.0095 (DCMP) UAR_BOEMcorepermit OCS E18-002
- 2) 11-8-18 NOAA Response DE-2018-UAR-TDI Brooks-Response (11-7-2018)(signed and date stamped)

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