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Memorandum

To: Charlotte Abrams, Project Officer, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Through: Chief, Minerals Availability Field Office *DP*
From: NRC Project Coordinator, Minerals Availability Field Office
Subject: Review of BMI/ONWI-621 as requested by Work Directive 008 under Task Order 002.

Two individuals reviewed the subject technical report, Mr. D. Bleiwas and Dr. T. Anstett. Mr. R. Read, Program Manager, also reviewed our comments. Based on the evidence cited in the study, we basically agree with the author's conclusions, but there are a few questions.

1. Why was \$26 used as a basis for analyses? As suggested in the previous review (BMI ONWI-589), analyses at several prices would have been more applicable.
2. The value of natural gas potential should be addressed. The previous report in this series (Hydrocarbon Potential of the Palo Duro Basin, Texas Panhandle, BMI/ONWI-590) estimated gas resources of the two sites, and the Scope of this report (page 1) implies that natural gas will also be evaluated.
3. The conclusions of the entire study are based on subjective probability. The methods used should be more fully addressed. Was the author the only individual to have input into the subjective approach?

We appreciated the opportunity to review the subject study.

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