

# Alaska Legislature

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[RE: Shell Discoverer Air Permits for Chukchi and Beaufort Seas]

Mr. Hardesty,

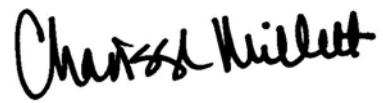
Shell has reapplied for air quality permits to conduct exploratory drilling in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas during the 2012 drilling season. I urge your agency to approve the permits so its environmentally safe and responsible drilling program can begin as soon as possible.

The company has spent billions of dollars and taken extraordinary steps to address concerns over drilling in an arctic environment. Shell's revised air permit application voluntarily reduces the number of days the Noble Discoverer drillship can operate to 120 during the drilling season. Other permit application modifications will also significantly reduce emissions stemming from drilling activity.

The country needs the vast energy resources beneath the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas. The Chukchi Sea OCS contains up to 29 billion barrels of oil and 209 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. That amount of oil can refill the Trans-Alaska Pipeline and energize the

country with tens of thousands of new jobs and billions of dollars in new revenue for decades to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charisse Millett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rep. Charisse Millett