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Response Report to the President entitled "Increased Safety Measures for Energy Development Summary: on the Outer Continental Shelf"

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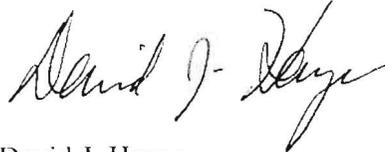
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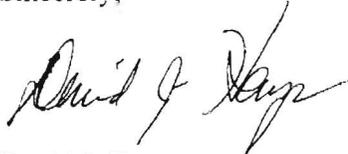
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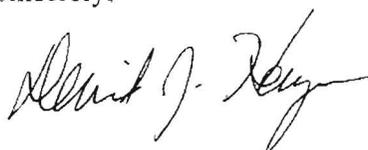
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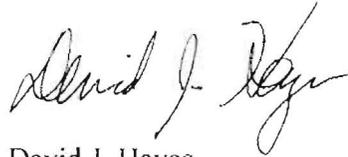
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Greenwich, Connecticut 06830

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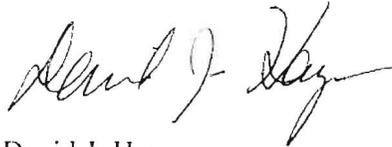
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