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of a comprehensive environmental impact statement before any OCS lease sale.

We believe that these additional requirements for serial plans, reports, and interlocking federal and state reviews would result in major delays in bringing OCS oil and gas resources into production—delays that could amount to years.

Significant adverse environmental effects that could result from these delays include (i) degradation of air quality (caused by burning less clean fuels because of delays in obtaining oil and gas from OCS tracts) and (ii) greater potential for oil spills associated with increased tanker activities (resulting from the need to import larger volumes of foreign oil). In view of these and other possible environmental effects, the decision of the Department of the Interior not to prepare an impact statement seems ques-

We urge concerned fellow scientists to write or wire Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus calling for the preparation of an environmental impact statement on the proposed revisions; copies may be sent to appropriate senators and congressmen.

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Prigogine at the University of Texas

Procaccia and Ross, in their article (Research News, 18 Nov., p. 716) on Ilya Prigogine's work in the field of nonequilibrium thermodynamics that led to his receiving the 1977 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, identify him as a professor of the Free University of Brussels, Belgium. He is also professor of physics and of chemical engineering and director of the Center for Statistical Mechanics and Thermodynamics (which he founded in 1967) at the University of Texas at Austin, and currently divides his time between the two universities.

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