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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
PADRE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE
9405 South Padre Island Drive
Corpus Christi, Texas 78418

IN REPLY REFER TO:
L3025(PAIS)

September 9, 1981

Mr. Dudley Strother
Ernest B. Rubsamen, Jr. and Associates, Inc.
Post Office Box 6147
Corpus Christi, Texas 78411

Dear Mr. Strother:

We have reviewed the Plan of Operations for the Henderson Petroleum Corp. exploratory well in State Tract #180. It is complete except for the following minor additions which we will need before we can officially accept it.

- 1.0 Is Henderson Petroleum Corp. the sole owner and operator or just the operator? Is Henderson Petroleum a subsidiary of a larger company or conglomerate?
- 2.4 Who is the registered public surveyor? There is no certification or indication on either Figure 2.2 or 2.3.
- 2.9 What is the geologic name of the surface formation around the well site? Please define normal brine deposits and the anticipated depth of the waters and brines.
- 2.15 (Exhibit D) This is the same certification used for the Plan of Operations submitted for the operation of the existing well and facilities. It does not cover the drilling operation proposed under this new Plan. A new certification will have to be provided to replace Exhibit D.
- 5.0 Please note the requirement in 36 CFR 9.36(d). We are enclosing a copy of the National Seashore's Statement for Management for your reference. A brief paragraph to the effect that your proposed operation will be in accordance with Padre Island National Seashore's Statement for Management and will not unduly interfere with the normal visitor activities common to the area will be sufficient. An additional statement to the effect that your operation is in conformance with EO 11988, 43FR6030 (February 10, 1978), which deals with floodplain management, is also needed.

While you are obtaining the above information, we will be completing the environmental review and analysis so that submission of the accepted Plan will not be delayed. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely yours,

M. E. Hancock
Chief Ranger

Enclosure