

Padre Island National Seashore

National Park Service
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Project Scoping

August 2, 2004

Padre Island National Seashore BNP Petroleum Corporation Dunn-Peach # 2, 3, 4, & 5 Wells Kleberg County, Texas

The National Park Service is reviewing a proposal by BNP Petroleum Corporation to drill four wells from the existing Dunn-Peach # 1 well pad which is located approximately 6.9 miles south of the end of Park Road 22 and 6,400 feet west of the Gulf of Mexico

All vehicles used during construction, drilling, and production operations would enter the park via Park Road 22 and then proceed approximately 6.9 miles along the Gulf Beach to a gated dune pass and an existing shell/caliche road that extends to the Dunn-Peach #1 Well drill.

The purpose of the analysis is to carry out compliance responsibilities under various statutes including the National Environmental Policy Act.

As the superintendent of Padre Island National Seashore, I invite you to participate in this scoping process.

Sincerely,
Colin Campbell, Superintendent

Overview of the Process

Project milestones include:

- Public scoping period (closes August 27, 2004)
- Preparation of environmental assessment
- Public review of environmental assessment
- Analysis of public comment
- Preparation of decision document
- Announcement of decision on drilling proposal

Alternatives

Initial internal project scoping identified the following alternatives for consideration in the EA:

1. No action (wells are not drilled)
2. BNP's proposal
3. Drill directional wells from a surface location outside Padre Island National Seashore
4. Acquire the mineral rights that are part of the proposal

Please let us know by August 27, 2004:

1. Do you have any ideas to share about issues/concerns, or are there any issues/concerns about the project that you think we should consider?
2. Are there any other alternatives that you think should be considered?
3. Do you have other comments and suggestions for us to consider in the environmental assessment?

What does the scoping period mean? Scoping is done in the initial phase of a project to seek input from a variety of sources. The input is used to identify issues, areas requiring additional study, and topics that will be analyzed in the EA process. This is an opportunity for you to provide us with your suggestions, comments, and concerns regarding this oil and gas project at Padre Island National Seashore.

Is scoping my only opportunity to comment on the project? No, once the EA is developed, the document will be made available for public review for a 30-day period.



General location of the existing Dunn-Peach #1 Well within Padre Island National Seashore.

Resources and Concerns

Initial internal project scoping identified the following resources and other concerns for consideration in the environmental assessment (EA).

Air quality	Cultural resources
Geology and soils	Lightscares
Water resources	Visitor use
Floodplains/wetlands	Natural soundscapes
Vegetation	Adjacent landowners
Fish and wildlife	Socioeconomics
Species of special concern	

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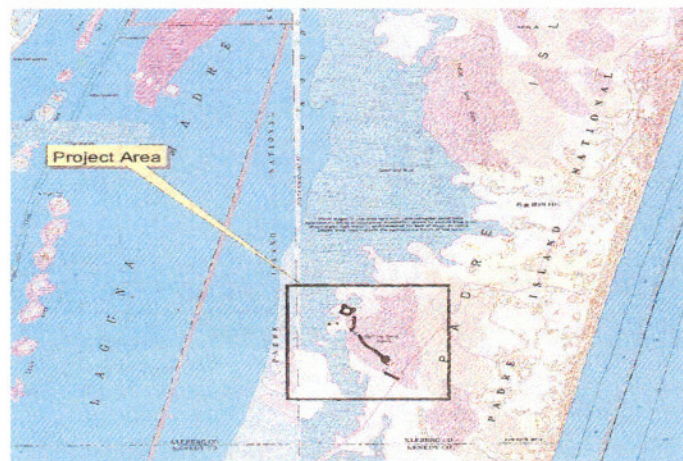
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If you wish to comment on the scoping brochure or on any other issues associated with the project, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods.

- You may submit written comments to:
Superintendent, Padre Island National Seashore
P. O. Box 181300
Corpus Christi, TX 78480-1300
- You may also comment via electronic mail (e-mail) to: PAIS_public_comments@nps.gov.
- *Please submit e-mail comments as a text file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include your name, e-mail address and return mailing address in your e-mail message*
- Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to Padre Island National Seashore.

If you wish to be added to the park's mailing address for this and other announcements, please be sure to indicate that in your response, and we'll add you to the park's mailing list.
