



COASTAL BEND
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**Padre Island National Seashore
Attn: Superintendent/O&G EA
P.O. Box 181300
Corpus Christi, Texas 78480**

Dear Sir:

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Environmental Assessment for BNP Petroleum Corporation concerning Dunn-Peach # 2,3,4,5 and 6 wells.

As we have indicated in previous comments, that while we recognize the necessity of allowing drilling on the National Seashore, we do not agree that the activity of the people doing the drilling should interfere with the primary reason for the Seashore in the first place. Allowing drilling and providing the easiest and cheapest way of doing all this are two different things.

As far as we know, there is nothing in the provision Congress made for the creation of the National Seashore mandated that the federal government should provide for the drilling in such a way as to impact the public enjoyment of the beach. Under the provisions in this EA, the heavy and large trucks carrying drilling equipment drive the dry beach between the public camping on the beach and the water. We believe that this is both dangerous to the public as well as esthetically detrimental. Do we have to wait until some person or pet is killed or injured before changing this practice?

We believe that the existing road behind the dunes which is used by the pipeline company should be upgraded for use by BNP. A gate would keep the public out and any environmental damage to the wetlands and vegetation could be mitigated. We might take another view if the company paid any royalties to the federal government or even covered the cost of watching" them.

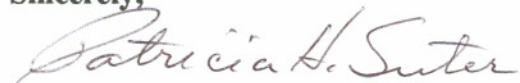
Others will speak concerning the endangered Ridley turtle and piping plover. Neither would be affected by an inland road to the proposed sites.

The environmental community is supporting the location of LNG facilities in the Ingleside area in part because they will be able to deliver natural gas at approximately one half the price of what might be produced on the National

**Seashore. We hope that this fact will discourage any more drilling in the fourteen
the national parks around the nation.**

**Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed drilling operations of
BNP on the National Seashore.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia H. Suter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Patricia H. Suter, Chairman