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February 10, 2007

Superintendent
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Dear Sir:

I am writing out of concern that there are plans for BNP to proceed with drilling three additional gas wells at the Padre Island National Seashore in Texas. Last year, 64 Kemp's Ridley nests were found at the Padre Island Seashore, and it is imperative that no further drilling be done until after the nesting season of the Kemp's ridleys, and also after any hatchlings from nests not seen previously have emerged.

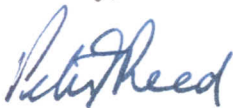
This would mean no new drilling until after August 1, 2007.

The 18 wheel trucks that drive on the beaches during the drilling phase pack the sand down like concrete, making nesting or the emergence of hatchlings impossible. I am sure you understand what this would mean for the survival of this severely imperiled species.

May I urge as strongly as I possibly can that the National Park Service suspend any drilling until after August 1, 2007, or better yet, give permanent protection to these beaches by permitting no further drilling there. Gulf turtles face so many threats now, and the continued existence of this ancient species depends on the resolve of the National Park Service in perpetuating the protection of our native species that the Parks were intended to provide.

My thanks for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter J. Reed". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Peter" and last name "Reed" clearly distinguishable.

Peter J. Reed