



PETROLEUM CORPORATION

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VIA U. S. MAIL

Jock Whitworth
Superintendent
Padre Island National Seashore
P.O. Box 181300
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RE: BNP Petroleum Corporation Lemon/Lemon Seed Plan of Operations
Padre Island National Seashore

Dear Superintendent Whitworth:

As of the writing of this letter, BNP Petroleum Corporation has not yet commenced operations associated with the above referenced approved Plan of Operations for the drilling of two wells at Padre Island National Seashore. Therefore, based upon the procedures that were established in the meeting held at Padre Island National Seashore in January of 2003, this letter is to advise you that to the extent BNP commences operations associated with the referenced Plan of Operations between the date of writing of this letter and the end of August, such operations will occur at least in part during the Kemp's ridley and related sea turtle nesting season. In the event operations are conducted during the nesting season, BNP will adhere to all mitigation and protection measures outlined in the Plan of Operations, and we will continue to coordinate with your staff and the staff of the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service in an effort to assist in sea turtle recovery activities.

BNP will advise you further as to the precise timing of our operations as arrangements are finalized. Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

BNP PETROLEUM CORPORATION

H. Scott Taylor
Executive Vice President and General Counsel

cc: Mary Orms, U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service



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