



August 26, 2002

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

Dear Superintendent:

RE: Environmental Assessment, BNP Petroleum Corporation Lemon/Lemon Seed Unit Wells No. 1-1000S and No.1-1008S, Padre Island National Seashore, Texas, July 2002

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) staff has reviewed the revised document dated July 2002. The Environmental Assessment and Statement of Findings for Floodplains and Wetlands reference BNP Petroleum Corporation's proposal to conduct drilling operations on Padre Island National Seashore (PINS), Kleberg County. The proposed location is approximately 12.5 miles south of the end of Park Road 22 and 900 feet west of the Gulf of Mexico. BNP Petroleum proposes to directional drill two holes to bottom hole locations in the Gulf of Mexico within 2 miles of the PINS shoreline.

TPWD staff appreciates PINS request for comments regarding the proposed action on federally operated or managed property. Staff does not have any additional comments or recommendations on the revised plan at this time.

Department staff appreciates PINS efforts to coordinate the Parks management proposals or plans like the BNP Petroleum Corporation Oil and Gas proposal, efforts which hopefully may result in a better plan to protect or conserve natural resources or areas. Please direct any questions or comments to me at phone number (361) 825-3242 or Fax (361) 825-3248.

Sincerely,

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Resource Protection Division

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