

Public Comments Inventory

Addressed to Dir. Mainella, early March 2002 [electronic]

- 254 Sierra Club form responses
 - 15 form response + personal visit note
 - 6 form response but rearranged or part omitted
 - 5 keep PAIS pristine
 - 4 public not duly informed
 - 5 conserve energy resources vs more drilling
 - 9 drilling has no place in a national park
 - 3 violation of public trust
 - 2 billion dollar profit
 - 1 safety issues
 - 1 violation of Texas open beach law

Addressed to Dir. Mainella, late March – April, 2002 [electronic]

- 177 Sierra Club form responses
 - 5 pristine / no pollution
 - 4 How could this happen in a national park?
 - 2 energy policy
 - 2 billion dollar profit

Totals:

- 431 Sierra Club form responses
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**Emailed Responses to PAIS
Lemon / Lemon Seed**

1091 Sierra Club form responses
15 form letter + personal experience
8 form letter with a little change
12 visitor impacts
4 EIS requested [alone]
6 NO!
10 have laws changed
4 money isn't everything
4 alternative energy source needed
12 keep PAIS pristine
3 essential ecosystem

1169 E-mailed Against
9 Written Against

1178

IN FAVOR:

9 E-mailed responses in "FAVOR" of drilling
6 written responses in "FAVOR" of drilling

15

Summary of Written Responses

Against:

Jan Weaver

to Ms. Mainella and PAIS [2 letters]
halt current drilling and block further permits

W J Weaver

Typed Sierra Club form E-mail

Mina Williams

Didn't list Donna Shaver as an expert consulted
No endangered species list

Davis Griffin

Typed Sierra Club form E-mail

Quenten Eyeberg

How can this go on in a national park?
No – to exploration and drilling

Willard & Carlene Johnson

Truck traffic and general public don't mix safely

Kevin Riley

As a Texas resident asking to reject further permits applications
Beauty and tranquility will be ruined by this activity

Bill Meyers (attorney)

On beach March 16-19, 2002, stay compromised by the parade of large diesel
trucks through middle of their campground
Complains about staging at the VC
Worried about turtles patrollers no seeing "hatchlings" and being run over by the
traffic

Mary Schultz

Typed Sierra Club form E-mail

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Letters in Favor

Mr & Mrs Bruce Bridgford

- Little negative effect on animals
- Truck traffic packs sand to reduce erosion
- Visitors not watching for turtles or anything else
- Additional taxable income
- Hold oil and gas companies responsible

Lura Dunn Sweett

- Dunn family members respect and love the "Island"
- Island a hard place to keep clean, explorations companies can help

George Cummings

- Retired teacher
- Exploration a must to educate Texas children properly

Brent H Smith

- Exploration and production vital to national security
- Money to fund our schools, especially for the poorer school districts
- Confidant NPS will be diligent and protect environment

Molly and John Nixon

- Income derived from drilling is much needed in Texas schools

City Manager of S. Padre Island

- Board of Aldermen favor allowing gas drilling with proper reugulations

E Richard Schendal

- With regulations there is no reason oil and gas and the Park's interests can't be served



Superintendent Jock Whitworth

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Dear Superintendent Jock Whitworth,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed new oil and gas drilling campaign on Padre Island National Seashore, and express my strong objections to the permit application for the new Lemon/Lemon Seed wells that is currently under review.

I am deeply concerned about the long-term, negative impacts of BNP Petroleum's plans for a new "aggressive drilling campaign." I'm opposed to heavy truck traffic up and down the beach where my family and I go to escape the noise and traffic of everyday life.

I believe that if I visit Padre Island in the coming months, my experience of the beauty and tranquility of the park will be ruined by the truck traffic. I don't think many people will want to bring their children to a beach where 18-wheelers drive between where parents are sitting and their children are playing in the water. I am also concerned that the beauty and quiet of the beach is being spoiled for birders, anglers, and campers. I strongly disagree with your conclusion that no impairment to visitor use and experience will result from the drilling proposed in the pending permit.

Noise, vibrations, spilled oil, and deep ruts in the sand caused by heavy truck traffic could also deter turtles from coming ashore to nest. The Environmental Assessment fails to address this threat, which could result in a major, long-term adverse impact on efforts to establish the Kemp's ridley turtle on Padre Island.

You have also failed to address the cumulative impact of this truck traffic, along with the presence of 15 to 20 possible future well pads and new roads. These impacts need to be assessed in full before you move ahead.

I urge you to complete a full Environmental Impact Statement before proceeding any further. I also urge you to consider, as part of that EIS, the alternative of buying out the remaining mineral rights for oil and gas underneath the Padre Island National Seashore. This is the only way to give the seashore the full protection that it has been granted under the law.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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