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December 1, 2003

Mr. Colin Campbell, Superintendent
Padre Island National Seashore
P.O. Box 181300
Corpus Christi, TX 78480-1300

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Re: Application for Temporary Access Permit, Manzano Prospect,
Novus-USA

Per my telephone conversation today with Ms. Arlene Wimer, I have prepared this letter on behalf of Novus-USA to request a 60-day Temporary Access Permit (TAP) to the referenced site. (See contact information for Mr. Mark Karam below). The purpose of the requested access is to collect basic information necessary to prepare a plan of operations for oil and gas exploration and production. Novus anticipates selecting an access route, a drill site, pipeline routes, and a production facility. Existing disturbed areas would be utilized to the extent practical.

A map of the project area is enclosed. Ms. Wimer asked how the new Novus location relates to BNP's Manzano drill site options. The enclosed map shows BNP's sites and Novus' site as "Proposed New Surface Location."

Novus has asked Belaire Environmental, Inc. (BEI) to perform the field work necessary to support preparation of a plan of operations. The field work would likely include wetland determinations/delineations, vegetation mapping, and soil sample collection. BEI would initiate work as soon as the TAP is issued. The field work will be conducted by Charles Belaire, Jeff Nelson, Byran Norvell, and/or Seth Gambill of BEI. BEI biologists would access the site via 4-wheel drive vehicle(s) along the beach and along existing caliche or shell roads. The vehicle(s) will remain on the beach or the existing road. All survey work will be performed on foot. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) methods will be used to perform wetland work. PINS-approved methods will be used for vegetation mapping. Soil samples, if any, will follow NPS protocol. BEI will notify Ms. Wimer seventy-two (72) hours in advance of beginning work in the park. BEI personnel will carry a copy of the TAP while in the park.

I look forward to receiving the TAP. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Belaire

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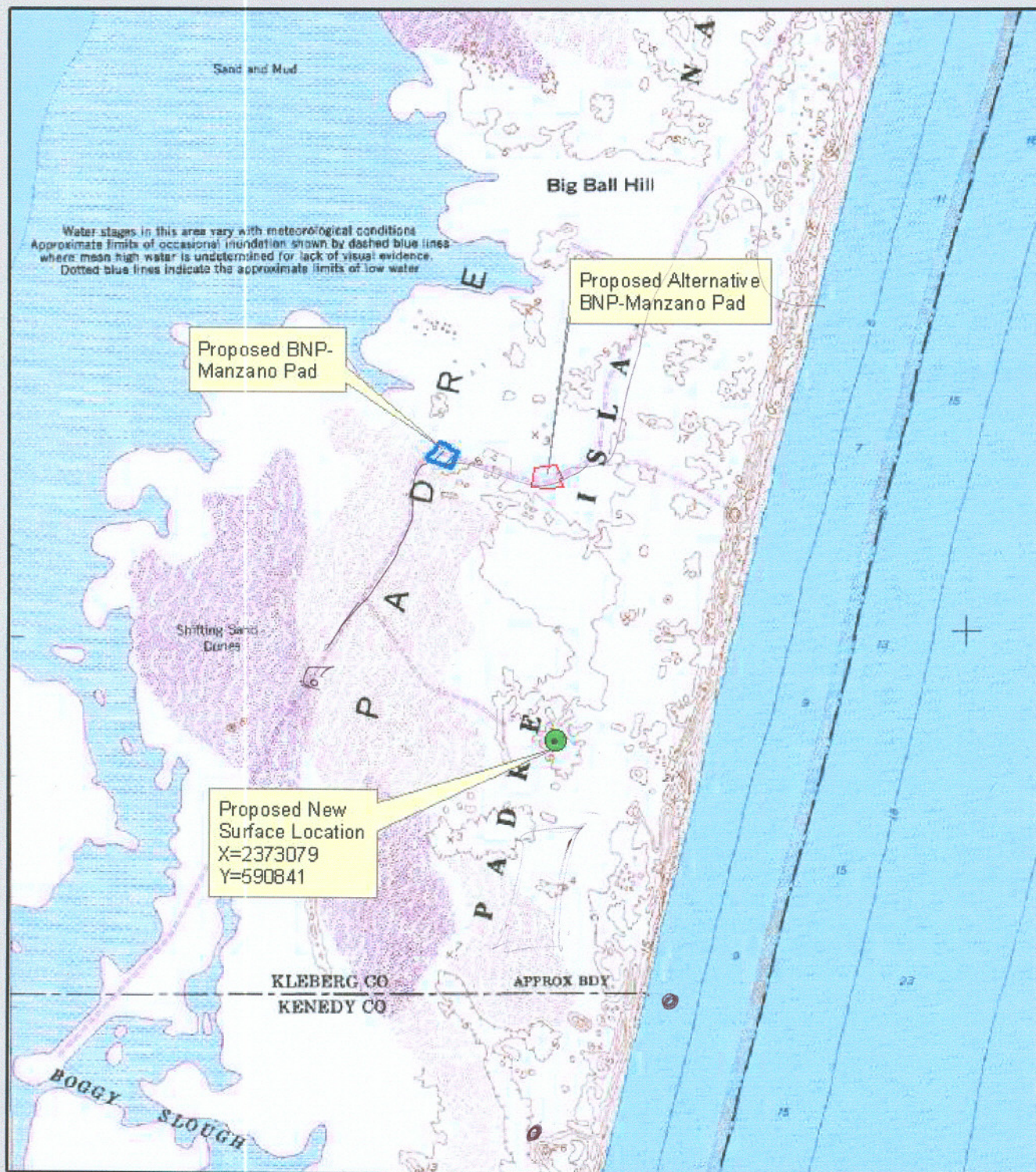
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Proposed New Pad (12/1/03) - Manzano Prospect



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Feet

New Pad Location
Prepared by Belaire Environmental, Inc.