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July 27, 2004

Jim Warren  
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Dear Mr. Warren:

Re: Request for Cultural Resource Survey Work on NOVUS's Proposed Well Pad,  
Forty-foot Wide Access Road/Pipeline Corridor, North Padre Island, TX, Kleberg  
County.

Please find enclosed plats showing NOVUS's proposed Manzano project. Novus proposes to drill up to three wells from the same well pad. The first well is called the NOVUS Manzano Well #001. Also enclosed is a USGS Quad map with the project overlaid and a 2002 GLO aerial photograph of the project area. As you can see the Manzano project is immediately southeast of the BNP Peach project site. The proposed Manzano pipeline will lie immediately adjacent to the proposed Manzano road route from the well pad, northwest to the existing Vector road. Once the pipeline reaches the existing Vector road there are two options for tying the pipeline into an existing HPL pipeline to the northwest. The first option for routing the Manzano pipeline to the HPL line is to lay the Manzano line along the northeast side of the BNP Peach access road until the HPL line is intercepted (approximately 330 ft of additional pipeline from the existing Vector road to the HPL line). Archaeology Consultants, Inc. (ACI) has performed a cultural resources survey along the BNP Peach road and construction corridor back in December 2002 and 2003. An alternative to running the Manzano pipeline along the BNP Peach road will be to route the pipeline in a straight line from its intersection with the existing Vector road approximately 240 ft northwest to the existing HPL line.

Please use the enclosed information to perform cultural resource survey work on the above-mentioned areas at your earliest convenience. Please survey the proposed well pad along with a 40 ft wide work corridor (20ft either side of the center line) for the proposed access road/pipeline route. Also do whatever is necessary to include a 40 ft work corridor along the two pipeline route tie-in options discussed above. The road/pipeline route centerline and the four corners of the well pad have been staked by BEI with six foot long 1" x 2" stakes. Frontier Surveying may have also marked the project with laths. The BNP Peach road now exists. The existing HPL line should be visible because of the 2 or 3 inch PVC markers along the line in a southwest to northeast direction. Also, there is a noticeable pipeline scar along the ground atop the HPL line (see enclosed aerial photo). The alternative pipeline tie-in route has not been staked. However, I believe if you stand on the HPL line and face the proposed Manzano road/pipeline route, a straight 240 ft route should be visible. Once you have finished all necessary survey work, please submit reports to Arlene Wimer and Belaire Environmental, Inc.

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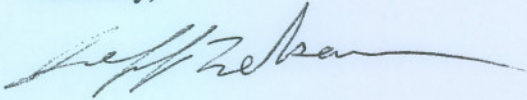
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Thank you for your assistance with this project. Please call me at 361-729-1241 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



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