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BNP Petroleum Corporation

August 27, 2002

Padre Island National Seashore
Mr. Jock Whitworth, Superintendent
P. O. Box 181300
Corpus Christi, Texas 78418

Re: Application to Directionally Drill the Plum Prospect from a location in Laguna Madre State Tract 211 to bottom hole location underlying the Padre Island National Seashore

Dear Mr. Whitworth,

BNP Petroleum Corporation respectfully requests a permit to directionally drill their State Tract 211-Plum No. 1 well from a surface location in Laguna Madre State Tract 211 to a bottom hole location underlying the Padre Island National Seashore. Pursuant to 36 CFR § 9.32(e) and your letter to Mr. Scott Taylor dated July 22, 2002, attached is the information you requested describing our proposed operation. As has been discussed in previous correspondence, the proposed operation only contemplates the drilling phase of our project. The production facility installation and pipeline construction will be covered under a separate application and plan of operations should we determine the well to be productive.

From the discussions at our meeting on August 22, 2002, we understand that once our application is deemed complete, the time necessary for NPS review, preparation of the EA and public review is approximately six to eight weeks. If any unexpected delays occur, we would appreciate your notifying us. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and help in processing this application. Please do not hesitate to contact if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Bowen W. Waters
Vice President, Engineering