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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Padre Island National Seashore
P. O. Box 181300
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

L3025 (PAIS)

May 13, 2002

Mr. Scott Taylor
BNP Petroleum Corporation
Energy Plaza
500 North Water Street, Suite 1000
Corpus Christi, Texas 78471

RE: Temporary Access Permit

Dear Mr. Taylor:

The Non-Federal Oil and Gas Rights Regulations, 36 CFR 9.38 (a) (1), state that the Regional Director may approve access, on, across or through federally-owned or controlled lands or waters for the purpose of collecting basic information necessary to enable timely compliance with these regulations.

On May 13, 2002, Padre Island National Seashore received a request for a temporary permit allowing BNP Petroleum to gather survey information to prepare one or more Plans of Operations for oil and gas exploration activities. The proposed work area is in both the Laguna Madre and on Padre Island National Seashore, surveying the proposed pipeline route and production facility site for BNP's Plum/Plum Deep Prospects. As per previous meetings with Frontier Surveying personnel, "surveying operations will be conducted by personnel on foot in all backcountry areas. Use of motorized vehicles is authorized only on designated roads or the Gulf shoreline."

This permit will begin on the date of this letter and be in effect for a period of 45-days. The permit is contingent on there being no measurable environmental damage, and/or no new or additional surface disturbance to the park. Survey personnel will be required to have a copy of this letter with them while working in the park.

If we can be of any further assistance, please contact Arlene Wimer, of my staff, at (361) 949-8173, extension 224.

Sincerely,

Jock F. Whitworth
Superintendent

cc: Bowen Waters, BNP Petroleum Corporation

