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Subject Questions regarding South Sprint Site

Victor,

As per our conversation on July 17 at BNP's South Sprint site within Padre Island National Seashore, I am writing the following email to address two questions you posed to me. The park's responses are as follows:

1) BNP requested permission to move three existing wooden poles located adjacent to the existing caliche access road along the southeastern edge of the South Sprint location to provide easier access for the vacuum truck to the back side of the site. BNP is granted permission to relocate these three poles further inside (to the North) of the previously disturbed site no more than 5 feet from their current location. This is the distance that was discussed with park staff that would allow easier ingress to the east side of the South Sprint site by large vehicles. The park acknowledges that the movement of these posts will decrease impacts to the adjacent wetlands/upland grasslands by large vehicles that currently make wide turns and drive over vegetation in order to access this portion of the site.

2) The second request from BNP was for clarification as to the frequency of ground water sampling at the South Sprint site from the existing ground water sampling wells. Upon review of our files, the NPS Water Resources Division recommends sampling every 18 months to monitor the movement of the plume and the levels of hydrocarbons to determine the extent to which the ground water cleanup is, or is not, progressing toward levels acceptable to the NPS.

Hopefully this answers your questions. If you have any further questions, please contact the park Superintendent at 361-949-8173 extension 229.

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President Lyndon Johnson