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Mr. Mike Grimm
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Dear Mr. Grimm:

As a follow-up to our meeting at Padre Island National Seashore on Friday, October 21, 1994, the purpose of this letter is to document that verbal approval was given to Amoco Production Company to install six sparge wells and use vacuum truck extraction technology at its South Sprint Facility. In response to the new information presented at the meeting, that free-phase hydrocarbon perched above the shallow groundwater measures up to 2.68 feet in thickness, we encouraged Amoco Production Company to proceed with this phase of work as expeditiously as possible.

The National Park Service is very concerned about the imminent threat of further resource degradation by this large volume of hydrocarbons should it migrate further towards the gulf beach, and/or manifest to surface wetlands. The subsurface contamination may pose a threat of significant injury to park resources as addressed under applicable National Park Service regulations at 36 CFR 9.51(c)(2). The National Park Service, therefore, advises Amoco to rapidly proceed with approved remediation actions.

We commend Amoco Production Company for employing EPA-approved analytical methods in its site characterization of the South Sprint Facility, and for presenting a well-developed range of action alternatives at the meeting. Please proceed to determine the zero edge of the contamination as rapidly as possible.

Please continue frequent coordination with park staff concerning your remediation efforts. Should you have any questions, or

require any assistance, please feel free to contact Linda Dansby, of my staff, at 505-988-6711.

Sincerely,

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