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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Mr. Tom Bradley
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Dear Mr. Bradley:

On Friday May 7, 1999, I stopped by the South Sprint gas facility to see how work has progressed. I could not help but notice how bad the rust is on the equipment, pipes, and tanks. Does Enron plan to resume the sandblasting and painting in the near future? I thought that Enron was planning to replace the present compressor with a smaller unit. What is the timetable for that action? Please be aware that the current compressor has a hospital type exhaust system to reduce the noise. The park service would like any replacement compressor to have such an exhaust system. Do you know the status of South Sprint Well #1? Is this well going to be put back into production? Is Enron going to plug #1? If it cannot be produced, have you considered converting it to a Saltwater disposal well and bring the South Sprint well #3 into production. It was my understanding that South Sprint well #3 was never produced because of the amount of produced water associated with it. The fencing needs to be installed around the well head. The South Sprint facility is very close to the beach and receives a lot of public scrutiny. It would be a good idea to look at all the fencing for possible replacement.

In October 1998, Enron contracted with Arcadis, Geraghty & Miller to re-evaluate the status of the soil and ground water contamination. I was under the impression that Enron was proposing to clean the soil on location. What is the status on the remediation of the hydrocarbon contamination at South Sprint? This project needs to be put back on the fast track.

Sincerely,

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