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Message:

"From Glacier to Gulf, we are the
keepers of the past, caretakers of
the present and promise of the
future."

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT/DECISION RECORD
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**of a
PLAN OF OPERATIONS
for Continuing Operation of the
South Sprint Fieldwide Gas Unit
by Enron Oil and Gas Company**

**PADRE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE
KLEBERG COUNTY, TEXAS**

INTRODUCTION

The National Park Service has completed its analysis of a Supplemental Plan of Operations submitted by Amoco Production Company (Amoco) for the continuing operation of the South Sprint Fieldwide Gas Unit. During the public review period, a change of ownership occurred. Enron Oil and Gas Company (Enron) entered into a Purchase and Sale agreement that provides for the assignment of all of Amoco's interest in the South Sprint Fieldwide Gas Unit Well #1, Well #2 and Well #3. Additionally, all of the facilities at Padre Island National Seashore operated by Amoco pursuant to the Plan of Operation are assigned to Enron. The Supplemental Plan of Operations addresses the operation and production of South Sprint Gas Wells #1, #2, and #3 from a natural gas production facility within Padre Island National Seashore.

The Plan of Operations adequately addresses the content requirement of 36 CFR 9.36(a). The reclamation measures proposed are acceptable. A bond in the amount of \$200,000 must be tendered to the National Park Service.

The purpose of this document is to record the decision to approve the Plan of Operations, and to provide a "finding of no significant impact" pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (40 CFR 1500), and the National Park Service's Non-Federal Oil and Gas Rights Regulations, 36 CFR 9B.

COMPLIANCE

An Environmental Assessment has been prepared to evaluate the impacts associated with the continued operation and production of the South Sprint Fieldwide Gas Unit. In developing the Environmental Assessment, the views of Federal, state and local agencies, organizations, and individuals were sought. Notice of Availability of the Plan of Operations and Environmental Assessment was published in the Federal Register announcing a 30-day public review period, ending January 13, 1997. Copies of the Plan of Operations and Environmental Assessment were sent to the National Park Service offices of the Geological Resource Division, Denver, and the Intermountain Office of Minerals/Oil and Gas Support, Santa Fe; and the Ecological Services Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Corpus Christi, Texas. One individual requested a copy through the Internet.

Consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, was undertaken, resulting in a concurrence with the National Park Service's finding of "not likely to adversely affect" listed species or critical habitat.

No significant archeological resources are located in the project area; therefore, no impacts to archeological resources are expected. The state historic preservation office concurred with a "no effect" determination on May 27, 1994.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. Continue vacuum truck extraction methods utilized by Amoco to remove remaining free-phase hydrocarbon from soil and groundwater identified by Amoco in March 1993. Prepare and submit a work plan addressing the remediation of the identified contamination once all free phase hydrocarbon has been removed within 180 days. The work plan will target removal and neutralization of any of any contaminating substance, including the hydrocarbon contamination that is the target of the ongoing remediation. Neutralization of hydrocarbon contamination is interpreted to mean that hydrocarbon concentrations will be reduced in soils and waters (surface and subsurface) to a condition that will not adversely affect, injure, or damage federally-owned or controlled lands and waters, and which does not jeopardize visitor safety or public use of Padre Island National Seashore.
2. Submission of a surety bond (36 CFR 9.48(d) in the amount of \$200,000. The amount is based on figures provided in the Plan of Operations for estimate of reclamation cost of \$150,000 and \$50,000 liability.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

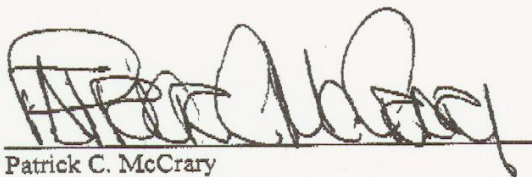
Adverse environmental impacts that could occur are minor and temporary in effect. There are no unmitigated adverse impacts on public health, public safety, threatened or endangered species, sites or districts listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, known ethnographic resources, or other unique characteristics or the region. No highly uncertain or controversial impacts, unique or unknown risk, cumulative effects, or elements of precedence were identified. Implementation of the action will not violate any federal, state, or local environmental protection law.

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the Environmental Assessment, and public and agency comments, I have determined that the project does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment; therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

DECISION

It is my decision to approve Enron Oil and Gas Company's Plan of Operations. Enron Oil and Gas Company is permitted to continue the operations of the South Sprint Fieldwide Gas Unit as described in the Plan of Operations and Environmental Assessment.

RECOMMENDED:



Patrick C. McCrary
Superintendent, Padre Island NS

Date

CONCURRED:



John E. Cook
Field Director, Intermountain Field Area

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