



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Padre Island National Seashore
9405 South Padre Island Drive
Corpus Christi, Texas 78418

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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December 5, 1996

Mr. William M. Sewell
Field Supervisor
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
c/o TAMU-CC, Box 338
6300 Ocean Drive
Corpus Christi, Texas 78412

Dear Mr. Sewell:

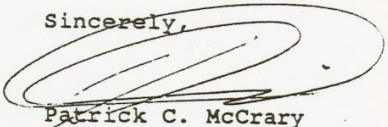
Padre Island National Seashore has received a Supplemental Plan of Operations from Amoco Production Company for the South Sprint Fieldwide Gas Unit in accordance with 36 CFR 9.36.

Amoco has operated from their location behind the foredune ridge since completion of well #1 on September 1, 1968. For over the past 28 years, the facility has undergone expansion and revision of its operations. Recently, Amoco upgraded the operation of this facility at the request of the National Park Service to mitigate unintentional spills, drips, and leaks. They have installed secondary containment within the tank battery, the compressor base, the glycol heater, and all bulk chemical and oil tanks. Additionally, Amoco removed all production piping from underground and placed it aboveground to better observe potential problems. All produced waters and associated condensate is removed from the location by tanker truck on a regular basis.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, Padre Island National Seashore is in the process of publishing a "Notice of Availability" in the Federal Register for the public review of the supplemental Plan of Operations. We would like you to review the supplemental Plan of Operations and associated Environmental Assessment. A copy of the material is enclosed. We believe that the approval of the Plan of Operations and the continued operation of the South Sprint Fieldwide Unit is not likely to affect listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat.

We request any comment or concurrence be given to the park by January 6, 1997. If you have any questions, please telephone Mr. Paul Eubank at 512-949-8173, extension 224.

Sincerely,


Patrick C. McCrary
Superintendent

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