

APPENDIX A: Distribution of Information to the Public

April 17, 2003

Mr. Robert E. Huguenard
Project Manager
Arguello Inc.
17100 Calle Mariposa Reina
Goleta, CA 93117

Re: OCS-P 0451 Development
Project
Revisions to the Platforms
Harvest, Hermosa, and
Hidalgo Development &
Production Plans

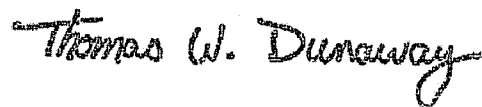
Dear Mr. Huguenard:

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has conducted a completeness review of Arguello Inc.'s February 20, 2003, and April 1, 2003, submittals describing proposed revisions to the Platforms Harvest, Hermosa, and Hidalgo Development and Production Plans (DPPs). Our review has concluded that the submittals adequately address the information requirements of 30 CFR 250.204(a) and 250.204(b) and are hereby deemed submitted effective April 16, 2003.

The MMS will forward copies of your plans to the California Resources Board, the California Coastal Commission and other State, Federal, and local agencies (Enclosure). These agencies shall have until May 21, 2003, to submit comments and recommendations regarding the project and Environmental Assessment to the MMS Regional Supervisor, Office of Field Operations. The MMS is preparing an Environmental Assessment to analyze the impacts of developing and producing the eastern half of OCS-P 0451.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Cathy Hoffman of my staff at (805) 389-7575.

Sincerely,



Thomas W. Dunaway
Regional Supervisor
Office of Field Operations

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April 17, 2003

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See Attached Agency Contact List

Re: Development and Production
Plan Revisions - Point
Arguello Unit
Eastern Half of Lease OCS-P
0451
Pacific OCS Region

Dear Sir or Madam:

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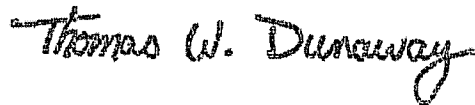
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In addition to the agencies on the enclosed list, the DPP revisions and supporting information have also been submitted to the California Secretary of Resources, California Coastal Commission, the County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development Department, and the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District.

Please provide your written comments, both environmental and technical, to the MMS Regional Supervisor for Field Operations by May 21, 2003, so that they can be considered in the preparation of our Environmental Assessment and decision on the plans. You may provide your written comments by mail, fax, or email. Our fax number is (805) 389-7592, and the email address for comments on the proposed revision is 0451comments@mms.gov. Should you have any questions, please contact Cathy Hoffman at (805) 389-7575 for technical issues, and Maurice Hill at (805) 389-7815 for environmental issues.

Sincerely,

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Thomas W. Dunaway
Regional Supervisor
Office of Field Operations

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Environmental Specialist
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Ms. Mary Nichols
Secretary of Resources
California Ocean Resources Management Program
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Re: Development and Production
Plan Revisions - Point
Arguello Unit
Eastern Half of Lease OCS-P
0451
Pacific OCS Region

Dear Ms. Nichols:

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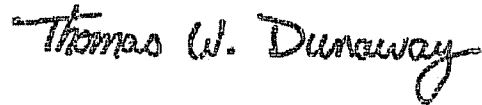
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Mr. Peter Douglas
Executive Director
California Coastal Commission
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San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

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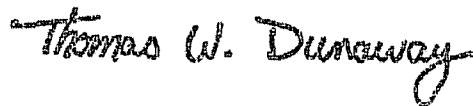
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Mr. Steve Chase
Deputy Director
Energy Division
Dept. of Planning and Development
Santa Barbara County
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101

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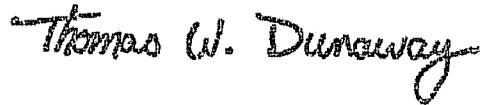
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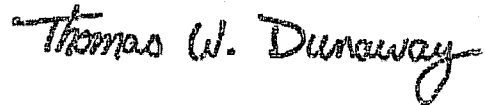
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May 7,

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Ms. Linda Krop
Environmental Defense Center
906 Garden Street, #2
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

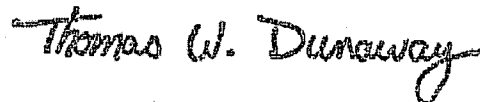
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Dear Ms. Krop:

Per your request, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) is attaching Arguello Inc.'s proposed revisions to the Point Arguello Unit Development and Production Plans (DPP's) to develop the eastern half of Lease OCS-P 0451.

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