

CITATION

**SAFETY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
CAMARILLO DISTRICT
PACIFIC OCS REGION**

**NUEVO ENERGY COMPANY
PLATFORMS A, B, and C**

This award is presented to Nuevo Energy Company (Nuevo) for the excellent manner in which it conducted production operations on Platforms A, B, and C for the period January 1 through December 31, 2003.

During the rating period, Minerals Management Service (MMS) personnel conducted 5 production inspections at each of these facilities with no incidents of noncompliance (INC's) detected. The inspections included a detailed annual inspection of all safety devices on each platform. Results of these inspections demonstrated that Nuevo had an outstanding record in conducting overall operations in accordance with MMS regulations and the criteria set up for the SAFE program. Nuevo maintained a high level of preventative maintenance, safety and environmental protection awareness, and excellent housekeeping practices on the cited platforms. Throughout the year, field and management personnel have consistently demonstrated a keen awareness, knowledge, and application of all pertinent regulatory requirements. Nuevo was cooperative with MMS personnel and provided support when needed.

The Secretary of the Interior and the Director of Minerals Management Service join me in commending Nuevo for its part in the development of offshore minerals resources while maintaining a constant awareness for the safety of personnel, protection of the environment, and adherence to operating regulations.

**Peter L. Tweedt
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Pacific OCS Region**