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November 1, 2004

CERTIFIED MAIL  
Return Receipt Requested

Mr. Robert E. Huguenard  
Vice President  
Nuevo Energy Company  
201 S. Broadway  
Orcutt, California 93455

Re: Updated Suspension of Production Request  
Bonito Unit  
Offshore California

Dear Mr. Huguenard:

In your updated suspension request letter of April 20, 2004, you stated that Nuevo would drill a well in the Bonito Unit during the suspension period. We are writing to clarify that, should a suspension of production be granted, the suspension period will not include any drilling operations. Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.180, drilling is an activity that will hold the unit, and therefore, if drilling activity is occurring, a suspension is not needed. Of course, any such drilling can only occur pursuant to an approved plan and permit to drill, as provided for in the regulations.

If you have any questions in this regard, please contact Joan Barminski at (805) 389-7707 or Allan Shareghi at (805) 389-7704.

Sincerely,

Peter Tweedt  
Regional Manager

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Mr. Ron Heck  
Samedan Oil Corporation  
100 Glenborough Drive  
Suite 100  
Houston, Texas 77067

Re: Updated Suspension of Production Request  
Gato Canyon Unit  
Offshore California

Dear Mr. Heck:

In your updated suspension request letter of April 20, 2004, you indicated that Samedan would drill a delineation well in the Gato Canyon Unit during the suspension period. We are writing to clarify that, should a suspension of production be granted, the suspension period will not include any drilling operations. Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.180, drilling is an activity that will hold the unit, and therefore, if drilling activity is occurring, a suspension is not needed. Of course, any such drilling can only occur pursuant to an approved plan and permit to drill, as provided for in the regulations.

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Mr. T. E. Enders  
Land Representative  
Coastal Asset  
Aera Energy LLC  
P.O. Box 11164  
Bakersfield, California 93389-1164

Re: Updated Suspension of Production Requests  
Point Sal and Purisima Point Units  
Offshore California

Dear Mr. Enders:

In your updated suspension request letters of April 20, 2004, you stated that Aera would drill one delineation well in the Point Sal Unit and one delineation well in the Purisima Point Unit during the suspension period. We are writing to clarify that, should a suspension of production be granted, the suspension period will not include any drilling operations. Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.180, drilling is an activity that will hold the unit, and therefore, if drilling activity is occurring, a suspension is not needed. Of course, any such drilling can only occur pursuant to an approved plan and permit to drill, as provided for in the regulations.

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Mr. Robert E. Huguenard  
Project Manager  
Arguello Inc.  
201 S. Broadway  
Orcutt, California 93455

Re: Updated Suspension of Production Request  
Rocky Point Unit  
Offshore California

Dear Mr. Huguenard:

In your updated suspension request letter of April 20, 2004, you indicated that Arguello would drill an initial production well in the Rocky Point Unit during the suspension period. We are writing to clarify that, should a suspension of production be granted, the suspension period will not include any drilling operations. Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.180, drilling is an activity that will hold the unit, and therefore, if drilling activity is occurring, a suspension is not needed. Of course, any such drilling can only occur pursuant to an approved plan and permit to drill, as provided for in the regulations.

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Samedan Oil Corporation  
100 Glenborough Drive  
Suite 100  
Houston, Texas 77067

Re: Updated Suspension of Production Request  
Sword Unit  
Offshore California

Dear Mr. Heck:

In your updated suspension request letter of April 20, 2004, you indicated that Samedan would drill one delineation well in the Sword Unit during the suspension period. We are writing to clarify that, should a suspension of production be granted, the suspension period will not include any drilling operations. Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.180, drilling is an activity that will hold the unit, and therefore, if drilling activity is occurring, a suspension is not needed. Of course, any such drilling can only occur pursuant to an approved plan and permit to drill, as provided for in the regulations.

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Mr. Flint Ogle  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Venoco, Inc.  
5464 Carpinteria Avenue  
Suite J  
Carpinteria, California 93013-1423

Re: Updated Suspension of Operations Request  
Cavern Point Unit  
Offshore California

Dear Mr. Ogle:

In your updated suspension request letter of April 20, 2004, you stated that Venoco would drill one exploration well in the Cavern Point Unit during the suspension period. We are writing to clarify that, should a suspension of operations be granted, the suspension period will not include any drilling operations. Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.180, ~~drilling is an activity that will hold the unit, and therefore, if drilling activity is occurring,~~ a suspension is not needed. Of course, any such drilling can only occur pursuant to an approved plan and permit to drill, as provided for in the regulations.

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