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Mr. Nabil Masri, Chief
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Dear Mr. Masri:

Thank you for your kind letter dated August 13, 2003. We were pleased to have the opportunity to inform your staff about NRC's regulatory/safety responsibilities. I would like to express my personal gratitude for the courtesy and professionalism displayed by each of the Minerals Management Service's Pacific OCS Region Staff toward the NRC as we have progressed toward implementing the Letter of Agreement between our agencies. As you know, on August 13, 2003, we successfully performed our first radiation safety inspection at an oil/gas drilling platform off the coast of California. The coordination and support from your staff, and in particular Mr. Ralph Vasquez, was instrumental to the success of this inspection.

As noted during our July 30, 2003, presentation to your staff, the designated points of contact from the NRC for the implementation of the Letter of Agreement are Mr. Richard Leonardi at 817-860-8187, and Mr. Mark Shaffer at 817-860-8287.

We look forward to continuing our interactions with you and your staff as we increase our inspection efforts at temporary jobsite locations in offshore federal waters.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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