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June 28, 2012

EA-12-101

Apache Deepwater, LLC
ATTN: Steve Daigle
2000 West Sam Houston Parkway, Suite 2000
Houston, Texas 77042

SUBJECT: VERIFICATION OF GENERAL LICENSE REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

Dear Mr. Daigle:

This letter refers to a telephone conversation between Mr. Jason Razo of my staff and yourself on June 21, 2012. The purpose of the call was to notify you that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission would be sending this letter to you in order to verify that Apache Deepwater, LLC was in compliance with the requirements of its general license.

Apache Deepwater, LLC has a general license for the use of radioactive cesium-137 in a sealed source within a fixed gauging device. The device is affixed to a pipeline, subsea in the Gulf of Mexico, in Federal jurisdiction. The NRC regulations in 10 CFR 32.52(a) require that the vendor, Roxar, Inc., report any transfers of generally licensed devices to the NRC. In January 2012, Roxar, Inc. notified the NRC that it had transferred the above-mentioned device to Apache Deepwater, LLC in 2007.

Due to the non-routine nature of the transfer, the NRC requests that Apache Deepwater, LLC respond to this letter within 30 days and acknowledge that it understands the requirements of its general license as outlined in 10 CFR 31.5. As part of that response, please verify that Apache Deepwater, LLC will ensure that the required general license label is affixed to the device if or when the device returns to the surface.

If you have additional information that you believe the NRC should consider or review, you may provide it in, or attach it to, your response. The NRC review of your response to this request will also determine whether any enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and your response will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's document system (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy or proprietary information so that it can be made available to the Public without redaction.

Apache Deepwater, LLC

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Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Mr. Jason Razo at 817-200-1589 or Mr. Michael Vasquez at 817-200-1130.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Anton Vegel, Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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