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SUBJECT: **Guadalupe Oil Field Spill Remediation Status Report – December 2000**

Staff Note:

This status report provides an account of abandonment and cleanup activities occurring at the Guadalupe site for the period October 16-November 3, 2000. Some of these are ongoing activities authorized under San Luis Obispo CDP/DP D870558D, and others began following Coastal Commission approval of CDP No. E-99-009 on November 3, 1999.

SITE ACTIVITIES, OCTOBER 16, 2000-NOVEMBER 3, 2000**Activities Occurring in the Coastal Commission's Permit Jurisdiction****5X East**

- Unocal continues to excavate the 5X East, Cell 2 site. As of Friday, November 3, Unocal has hauled approximately 53,000 cubic yards of affected material from this site to TB8. Approximately 80 bottom samples have been collected from the excavation. All were non-detect for petroleum hydrocarbons. Unocal anticipates being completed with the excavation of the entire 5X site by November 17.

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- Unocal completed excavating this site on Friday, October 13 and on Monday October 16, the Regional Water Quality Control Board granted approval to backfill the excavation. Once the clean overburden is distributed over the site, Unocal contractors will begin removing sheetpile from the beachfront. Approximately 15,400 cubic yards of affected material was removed from this site.

A2A South

- Screening of buffer material has taken place at the former A2A South site where asphalt-like chunks of oil and sand are removed for disposal off site. Approximately 1,700 cubic yards of material has been screened to date. Samples are taken every 200 cubic yards for TPH analysis. As of Monday, October 23, no samples have detectable levels of TPH.

Loop Road Restoration

- On October 16, 2000, Unocal began the loop road restoration work. In accordance with the approved work plan, the construction team removed gravel along 200 feet of the westerly end of the loop road. The remaining 550 feet of road was excavated to 12 feet mean sea level, which involved removing a portion of the original asphalt roadway. As the excavation proceeded from west to east, the construction team raked any remaining road base (gravel and 1- to 2-inch rock) off of the road shoulders and into the road for removal.
- Unocal completed removing the gravel from the loop road on Friday, October 20. Backfilling of the site with sand from the E4A stockpile site was completed on Tuesday, October 24. These construction restoration activities were successfully completed without impacting any La Graciosa thistles or red-legged frogs. Unocal will start vegetative restoration efforts in the upcoming weeks.