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**VIA FAX AND MAIL**

Department of the Interior  
Minerals Management Service  
Mail Stop 4024  
381 Elden Street  
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Attention: Rules Processing Team

**Re: State Coastal Zone Management Consistency  
Proposed Rule Change (64 FR 7837) February 17, 1999**

Dear Sir or Madam;

In response to the Minerals Management Service's (MMS) request for comments regarding the proposed amendments to the regulations governing how coastal states will review offshore Exploration Plans and Development and Production Plans for Coastal Zone Management consistency determination, Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. (Texaco) welcomes this opportunity to comment on the proposed rule change.

The American Petroleum Institute (API) on behalf of its members has submitted written comments by letter dated April 19, 1999, on the proposed amendment as described above. Texaco concurs with API's comments and supports the position taken by API in opposing any changes to the current regulations governing the process of securing coastal zone consistency determinations from offsetting states. By reference Texaco adopts as its own the comments filed this date by API.

Should you have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate contacting the undersigned at (504) 680-1321.

Yours very truly,

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