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CONSISTENCY CERTIFICATION AND STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Consistency Certification No. CC-40-82

3 and 6 Month Periods End: 1-13-83/4-13/83

APPLICANT FOR FEDERAL PERMITS:

Arco Oil and Gas Company

FEDERAL PERMIT FOR WHICH COMMISSION
CONCURRENCE WITH APPLICANT'S CONSISTENCY
CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED:

Minerals Management Service Exploratory Well Drilling Permit; OCS Exploration Plan

ACTIVITY LOCATION:

On the Outer Continental Shelf on OCS Parcels P-0431, 0434, and 0437 approximately 6 miles west of Purisima Point in the Santa Maria Basin.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION:

Drilling 15 wells on OCS P-0431, 0434, 0437 to explore for oil and gas from the Diamond M General, Glomar Atlantic or the Glomar Java Sea. (Exhibit 1)

PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE:

Public hearing and possible action at the Commission's January 25-28, meeting in San Francisco.

STAFF NOTE: CONSISTENCY

Under regulations which implement the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act, the Minerals Management Service cannot grant a permit for any activity described in an Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Plan of Exploration until the Coastal Commission concurs with a certification by the oil company applicant that the activity is consistent with the California Coastal Management Program (CCMP) or determines that the activity has no effect on the coastal zone.

Applicant's Consistency Certification and Findings. The applicant has submitted a consistency certification for 15 wells on OCS P-0431, 0434, 0437, stating that the proposed activities described in detail in the Plan of Exploration will be conducted in a manner consistent with California's Coastal Management Program.

December 30, 1982

I. Concurrence

The Commission hereby concurs with the consistency certification made by Arco for OCS P-0431, 0434, 0437, as consistent with the policies and objectives of the California Coastal Management Program.

II. Findings and Declarations

The Commission finds and declares as follows:

- A. Project Description. Arco proposes to drill 15 wells on OCS P-0431, 0434, 0437, in the Santa Maria Basin, about 6 miles west of Purisima Point (Exhibit 1). The Environmental Report submitted with the OCS plan states that onshore support, including boat and helicopter transportation of crew and supplies, would be based at Port Hueneme, Ellwood Pier at Goleta and the Oceano or Santa Maria airports. The wells would be drilled in water depths of 269-313 feet and to well depths of 7500 to 9000 feet. Total drilling time at each drill site is estimated at 70 to 78 days depending on the depth of the wells.
- B. <u>Protection of Marine Resources</u>. Section 30230 of the Coastal Act requires protection of the marine environment:

Marine resources shall be maintained, enhanced, and, where feasible, restored. Special protection shall be given to areas and species of special biological or economic significance. Use of the marine environment shall be carried out in a manner that will sustain the biological productivity of coastal waters and that will maintain healthy populations of all species of marine organisms adequate for long term commercial, recreational, scientific and educational purposes.

Arco's leases P-0431, 0434, 0437, are located within the Santa Maria Basin approximately 6 miles west of Purisima Point. Several species of seabirds feed and rest in this area and the rocky intertidal areas close to shore. Point Conception, 15 miles to the southeast, is a rich intertidal area with extensive kelp beds. The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) Sea Otter Game Refuge Range, located in the northern part of the Santa Maria Basin, is 27 miles from the tract areas although sitings of sea otters have been made as far south as Purisima Point and even Point Arguello. However, the range and main habitat of the sea otter is still mainly in the northern part of the basin. The nearshore area consists of a mixture of sandy beaches, river and stream-mouth wetlands and rocky headlands, which contain a unique assemblage of intertidal and subtidal marine resources due to the proximity to both northern cold-water and southern warm-water regimes.

Very little information is available about the benthic species in the vicinity of the subject leases. However information on leases OCS P-0425 and P-0430 (the latter located immediately west of OCS P-0431) was collected during a biological survey conducted by ARCO in late 1981. The nature of the seafloor beneath the leases which were encountered include flat plains of clay and sand, flat plains with rocky patches interspersed, gradual rocky slopes and steeper rocky slopes. Two distinct types of biological communities were encountered, one associated with the flat sandy plains and one with rocky areas.

The entire length of the California coast is a part of the migratory route of the California gray whale and other species of whales and dolphins. Therefore some of these animals pass in the general vicinity of the lease. Under normal operating

procedures, exploratory drilling causes the whales to detour around the drill rigs during the migration months (November through May). The DFG has commented that the existing number of drill rigs probably do not pose a significant hazard or impact to the animals as they are able to detect and avoid the anchor chains and rigs. Although this information is the best available, it is based on limited observations, and additional information and data may change this opinion. In the event of an oil spill, however, there could be an adverse impact on the marine mammals.

Based on the limited information available, exploratory drilling on OCS P-0431, 0434, 0437 will cause some short-term disturbance to marine resources but properly executed drilling may not interfere with biological productivity required to be protected the Section 30230. In addition, because even the best available spill containment and cleanup equipment does not offer adequate protection to these animals if an oil spill occurs, the Commission cannot find that the proposal is consistent with with Section 30230. But analysis in Section I does find the project consistent with Section 30260.

C. <u>Protection Against the Spillage of Crude Oil</u>. Regardless of the precautions taken against well blowouts and resulting spills of crude oil in the open ocean, there is always a risk of this occurring at a drill site. Such a spill may reach the coast of California and damage marine life, scenic areas, and recreational areas. Because of this risk, the proposed drilling operatings must be consistent with Section 30232 of the Coastal Act, incorporated in Chapter 3 of the Coastal Management Program, which states:

Protection against the spillage of crude oil, gas petroleum products, or hazardous substances shall be provided in relation to any development or transportation of such materials. Effective containment and cleanup facilities and procedures shall be provided for accidental spills that do occur.

Arco has provided onsite equipment and personnel training, and works with oil spill cooperatives, which have dedicated oil spill response vessels (See Appendix A). The Minerals Management Service (MMS) and the applicant have made the following agreement for inspections of the equipment:

The State Agency Coordinator for Oil Spill Contingency Planning (DFG) of a designated representative may accompany MMS on unscheduled inspection or deployment exercises of the oil spill containment and recovery equipment. All unscheduled inspections or deployments will be arranged by representatives of the MMS in cooperation with the State of California in conjunction with the Service's inspection program. The purpose of the inspection or deployment will be to verify the existence of the oil spill equipment and to ensure that the equipment can be deployed in an organized and timely manner. Each company applicant has agreed to allow stated personnel on board the drilling vessel to observe the inspection or deployment exercises. The Minerals Management Service has agreed to call these inspections or drills on a surprise basis.

Protection of Coastal Wetlands and Streams. The County of Santa Barbara has expressed specific concerns about the protection of the Santa Maria and Santa Ynez Rivers and the San Antonio and Jalama Creeks if an oil spill threatens these areas. This concern is based on the limited amount of time that oil spill containment and cleanup equipment will function in the waters north of Point Conception, increasing the possibility of these streams becoming contaminated. The County has recommended that Clean Seas be required to locate oil spill booms at the mouths of these waterways to improve the response time to them.

The Commission agrees that provisions must be available for the protection of these streams if they are threatened. However, a high percentage of the time these rivers and creeks may not be open to the ocean. Much of the time they are open the water is flowing toward the ocean, reducing the likelihood of oil contamination. Under conditions when they are threatened, Clean Seas can have equipment and personnel to the area within 3 to 4 hours. Clean Seas has two fast response units designed specifically for this purpose. They include:

- a 15-foot trailer equipped with small containment boom, a skimmer, a storage bag, absorbents, rakes and shovels; and
- 2) a 2.5-ton truck equipped with a larger boom, skimmer, and associated tools.

Additional equipment can be obtained from the larger Clean Seas vans if this becomes necessary.

Other strategies may be necessary to protect these waterways. In many cases the incoming current in the rivers or streams would exceed the capability of the oil containment booms to function. In these situations the stream mouth may have to be closed using heavy earthmoving equipment. This would eliminate additional contamination, and would provide a quiet water situation behind the closure to help recover any oil that has gotten into the stream.

However, to best determine the most effective means of protecting these streams, the Commission directs the staff to visit them, with the County staff if possible, during the rainy season when the streams open to the sea. After these site visits, the Commission may hold a drill with the applicant to test response capability to a hypothetical spill near the mouths of the streams. Commission staff will visit these sites in January 1983. The Commission will continue to work with the industry and the County to develop the most effective strategies to protect these streams and wetlands. The County agrees with this approach.

The Commission's standard of review is based on the maximum feasible capability to reduce the impacts of a spill, if one occurs. Section 30232 of the Coastal Act requires that effective oil spill containment and cleanup be provided for spills. The Commission cannot find that the Plan of Exploration consistent with this policy due to the limited capability of state-of-the-art oil spill equipment. However. Section 30260 of the Coastal Act provides that coastal-dependent industrial facilities can be sited if the adverse impacts are mitigated to the maximum extent feasible.

The Commission finds that the oil containment and cleanup equipment, and measures for response, as provided in the proposed Plan of Exploration and Consistency Certification made by Arco provide maximum feasible mitigation and are consistent with Section 30260 of the Coastal Act. Concurrence by the Commission is not an indication of satisfaction with the degree of protection afforded coastal resources by the oil spill containment and cleanup equipment provided. The Commission staff's forthcoming oil spill response capability study may indicate the need to update and increase standards for onsite and cooperative oil spill cleanup and containment capabilities. Such findings will be used in future consistency certifications and permit reviews.

D. <u>Commercial Fishing</u>. The Coastal Act requires maintenance of the productivity of the marine environment in Section 30230, quoted in Section B, and in Section 30231, below:

The biological productivity and the quality of coastal waters, streams, wetlands, estuaries, and lakes appropriate to maintain optimum populations

of marine organisms and for the protection of human health shall be maintained, and where feasible, restored through, among other means, minimizing adverse effects of waste water discharges and entrainment . . .

The proposed wells are within the Department of Fish and Game designated Fish Blocks 638 and 644 (Exhibit 2). The primary species of fish caught are halibut, rockfish, english sole and petrale sole. According to the DFG, these fisheries account for 10-15% of the trawling effort for the Santa Maria Basin area. Comments from trawlers in the Morro Bay Fishermen's Association indicate that exploratory drilling will not conflict with commercial fishing efforts. However, information from other trawlers indicates that the lease tracts are located in a petrale sole area.

The environmental report for the proposed project states that ARCO plans to use the Diamond M General to drill the wells, or that another rig such as the Glomar Atlantic or the Glomar Java Sea may be used in lieu of or in addition to the Diamond M General. The Glomar Atlantic and Diamond M General are currently offshore California; the Glomar Java Sea is in the China Sea and will remain there for at least a year. The Commission and the trawlers are concerned with the impacts on commercial fishing of simultaneous drilling of two or more exploratory wells for a single POE.

The fishermen trawl for petrale sole mainly in the spring and summer, generally from May to September. According to representative trawlers the existence of one exploratory drill rig on the subject lease tracts during this time will not present a conflict with their operations, however, any additional rigs would interfere with their trawling activities. The fishermen add that the presence of up to two rigs on these tracts during the rest of the year, or during non-fishing season, should not pose a conflict. Locating more than two rigs in this area would present a problem since the area is still trawled in the fall and winter, but to a much lesser extent. Exploratory drilling operations interfere with commercial fishing by removing available space in which the fishermen can operate - a drill rig with its anchors takes up to a .5 mile radius area around the vessel, within which fishing is difficult and sometimes impossible. Also, the drilling activities themselves disrupt the fishing population and can result in temporary relocation of many fish species.

- Arco agrees to limit the number of drill rigs to one from May 1st to September 30th, the fishing season for petrale sole, and to two rigs for the remainder of the year on the subject lease tracts. Because Arco agrees to limit the number of drill rigs and because the Commission has concluded that the discharge of drill muds and cuttings beyond 1,000 meters of State waters has no demonstrated effect on the Coastal Zone, the Commission finds that the proposed activities are consistent with Section 30231 of the Coastal Act. (See Section J)
 - E. Onshore Support Facilities/Cumulative Impacts. Section 30250 of the Coastal Act states that new industrial development "shall be located within, contiguous with, or in close proximity to, existing developed areas able to accommodate it or, where such areas are not able to accommodate it, in other areas with adequate public services and where it will not have significant adverse effects, either individually or cumulatively, on coastal resources."

Arco has stated in its Environmental Report that it is proposing to use Port Hueneme, Ellwood Pier and the Oceano or Santa Maria airports for all its support activities—all crewboat, supply boat and helicopter trips to service the drillship crews will originate from and return to these areas. Although these drilling proposals will not affect onshore use in the Santa Maria Basin area, the increases in drilling in this basin may lead to the need for an additional service base to serve the Basin and the western Santa Barbara Channel. The staff is currently working with the counties of

Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo and the oil industry to study alternate sites for additional service and crew bases if needed.

The proposed exploratory activity would occur north of Point Conception, a region where OCS operations have increased steadily over the past one to two years. The Commission is extremely concerned about the overall cumulative effects on the environment and the coastal economy of California, particularly San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties, offshore of which most of the exploratory drilling is occurring. The Department of Fish and Game and Get Oil Out, Inc. have expressed similar concerns about increased industrial development on the OCS. Conflicts include commercial fishing operations, increases in vessel support traffic, air pollutant emissions, drill muds discharges, and risk of oil spills. The combination of those impacts could become unacceptable if the present level of drilling significantly increases. The exact number of drilling rigs that can operate in an area is a subject the Commission staff is now addressing. Until this number can be determined, the Commission finds that because the proposal would not increase the number of drill rigs currently offshore California, the project is consistent with Section 30250.

- F. Geologic Hazards. Section 30253(1) of the Coastal Act states that new development shall minimize risks to life and property in areas of high geologic . . . hazard". The Division of Mines and Geology (DMG) and the State Lands Commission routinely review OCS Plans of Exploration to determine whether the proposed drilling program can be safely conducted in view of the geologic conditions of the lease and well site. DMG states that wells P-0431 #4 and 5 and P-0434 #5 are very close to shallow faults and wells P-0437 #1, 2, and 4 are in the immediate vicinity of buried seafloor channel remnants. Proposed mitigation measures include special drilling and/or casing procedures if the wells on P-0431 and P-0434 intersect any fault/fracture zones at shallow depths and special drilling procedures if the wells on P-0437 would be affected by permeability/fluid loss problems or other undesirable engineering characteristics of the near surface sediments. The environmental report states that these mitigation measures will be employed if these problems arise. Since Arco proposes to mitigate the potential geologic hazards presented above if they occur at the subject well sites, the Commission finds the proposal consistent with Section 30253 (1).
- G. Air Quality. Section 30253(3) of the Coastal Act states that new development "shall be consistent with requirements imposed by an air pollution control district or the State Air Resources Control Board as to each particular development."

From January 6, 1982 to August 31, 1982, the Commission had a policy limiting oil company applicants for consistency review to one well per month during the course of a study on measures to reduce nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions from drilling operations. That study is now completed, having identified two methods of reducing NOx. The Commission also passed a resolution ending the one well per company per month limitation as of August 31, when the NOx reduction study would be completed. Any OCS plans submitted after that date for consistency review are considered as a whole.

The Air Resources Board states that data on meteorology and pollutant transport in the Santa Maria Basin are not as complete as for the Santa Barbara Channel but that emissions from OCS drilling activities will have a significant adverse effect on onshore air quality. The ARB has recommended that the Commission require an oil company applicant to implement nitrogen oxides (NOx) control measures identified as "interim" in the Air Quality Task Force, once implementation is approved by the American Bureau of Shipping; that the applicant install devices on the drilling vessel to gather data on fuel consumption, and hence NOx emissions, from drilling activities; and that, the applicant collect data on wind speed, direction and temperature. This information will be used by ARB to ensure accuracy of the Nox emission data it is

currently using. The applicant has agreed to implement interim NOx control measures once ABS approval is obtained. The applicant has also agreed to install fuel measuring equipment and collect wind data.

The ARB has stated that it has not changed its position on supporting consistency review of only one well per company per month, although it recognizes that this limitation does not necessarily reduce the number of drill rigs operating in a basin. The ARB still believes that the only way to fully mitigate air quality impacts from offshore drilling is to limit the number of drill rigs in a given basin. It does not believe that the measures identified in the NOx control study fully mitigate the pollutants' impacts on onshore air quality. However, the ARB is not recommending that the Commission object to this Plan of Exploration.

The Commission agrees with the ARB that limiting the number of drill rigs in a basin is the most effective means of reducing air pollution impacts; however, the Commission has found that limiting companies to one well per month in consistency review does not achieve this objective or reduce the overall number of wells drilled in an area. Decisions to drill are based on information gathered by the oil companies in drilling the first well on an OCS tract. If results from the first well are promising, then the company would drill for an additional well. If results are not promising, then no more wells will be drilled even if several have been approved. The Commission is trying to find an effective and equitable way to limit the number of drill rigs in a basin at any given time but has not yet reached a solution. Although in individual circumstances, a company may agree to drill in a particular season to avoid impacts on a coastal resource, this is not a restriction that the Commission believes appropriate to impose in every case, given the other circumstances that play a role in a company's decision to drill. (See Section E)

The Commission finds that the proposal is consistent with Section 30253 and the CCMP because the applicant has agreed to implement the interim NOx control measures as soon as ABS approval is obtained and to collect data necessary to improve NOx emission and pollutant transport information. The Commission, however, is concerned that investigations continue on pollutant reduction measures, and that long-term measures be developed that will reduce NOx and other pollutant emissions and cumulative impacts to a greater degree than interim measures.

H. <u>Vessel Traffic Safety</u>. The principle Coastal Act policies applicable to vessel traffic safety are Sections 30260 and 30262 which apply specifically to coastal-dependent industrial development such as the proposed exploratory drilling project. Under 30260 and 30262 the project must first be tested under all applicable Chapter 3 policies. If the proposal does not meet these policies the project is analyzed under Section 30260, quoted and discussed below.

Because of the risks of ramming or collision and the consequent risk of oil spills and hazards to coastwise vessel traffic, the Commission finds the location of drilling vessels on the OCS affects the use of land and water in the coastal zone. Therefore, the Commission considers effects on navigation in each drilling proposal reviewed for consistency with the CCMP.

The proposed drilling is located in the Santa Maria Basin, north of the existing Vessel Traffic Separation Scheme in the Channel. Because no traffic lanes are designated in the Santa Maria Basin, substantial navigation does occur along the coast and weather is foggy or stormy several months of the year, the presence of temporary structures could represent a hazard to navigation and risks of oil spills. The Commission finds therefore that the proposed activities do not meet the Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act and must be analyzed under Section 30260. The Commission notes that the

applicant's agreement to install and operate an automatic radar plotting aid does constitute mitigation of the hazards posed by the project, as discussed in Section I.

I. <u>Industrial Development</u>. Coastal-dependent industrial development such as offshore oil drilling must first be tested under all applicable policies in Chapter 3. If the proposal does not meet these policies, development is analyzed under the less stringent requirements of Section 30260. The proposed development does not meet Sections 30230 or 30232 of the Coastal Act. Therefore, the three tests of Section 30260 apply:

Coastal-dependent industrial facilities shall be encouraged to locate or expand within existing sites and shall be permitted reasonable long-term growth where consistent with this division. However, where new or expanded coastal-dependent industrial facilities cannot feasibly be accommodated consistent with other policies of this division, they may nonetheless be permitted in accordance with this section and Sections 30261 and 30262 if (1) alternative locations are infeasible or more environmentally damaging; (2) to do otherwise would adversely affect the public welfare; and (3) adverse environmental effects are mitigated to the maximum extent feasible.

The first requirement of Section 30260 is that the applicant must demonstrate that alternative locations for the project are either infeasible or more environmentally damaging. Arco could directionally drill from other points on these leases to reach the same targets. These other locations would be more environmentally damaging because of the extended time and risk that would be involved in directional drilling. The Commission finds, therefore, that the project meets the requirements of the first test.

The second requirement concerns the public welfare. Clearly it is in the interest of the public welfare to search for domestic sources of oil and gas. However, this is not the only consideration in determining whether the project meets the public welfare test. Commercial fishing activities and facilities, biological resources, and recreational uses also must be considered as significant aspects of the public welfare. The proposed wells would not be located within a designated biologically sensitive area or sanctuary, nor would they affect beach use unless an oil spill occurs. However, the proposal would conflict with commercial fishing activities, vessel traffic safety, and air quality. Arco has coordinated with commercial fishing representatives to ensure that the drilling will not interfere with fishing activities, has agreed to provide data on fuel consumption and to operate an automatic radar plotting aid. Therefore, the Commission finds the proposal meets the requirements of the second test.

The third requirement is that adverse impacts be mitigated to the maximum extent feasible. Arco's agreeement not to use more than one drill rig during petrale sole fishing season,, its use of the best available oil spill control and containment equipment and use of an automatic radar plotting aid fulfill this third test. It should be noted, however, that the Commission will continue to examine the issue of oil spill equipment and may require additional protection in the development stage.

The Commission therefore finds that the proposed wells meets the three requirements of Section 30260 and is consistent with the CCMP.

J. NPDES. Because Arco is proposing to drill in locations beyond 1000 meters of the coastal zone, the Commission will not review the discharge of drilling fluids and cuttings as allowed under the Environmental Protection Agency's NPDES permit. In its October 1981 resolution, the Commission found that discharges beyond 1000 meters of the coastal zone have not been shown to affect the use of land and water in the coastal zone. The Commission, therefore, decided not to review these for consistency. The

Commission continually reviews new information on this issue and may require consistency review in the future for discharges beyond 1000 meters of the coastal zone if evidence is presented which indicate such discharges affect the uses of land and water in the coastal zone.

APPENDIX A

Onsite Equipment (First Line of Defense). Oil spill containment and cleanup equipment stored on an exploratory drilling vessel or on a production platform is primarily designed to provide a first line of defense for a major spill or to contain and clean up small spills that may occur. This equipment must be able to surround the largest areas possible within an acceptable period of time. If the equipment is too large and difficult to handle, then its purpose is defeated. The following list includes the equipment which the Commission has established as minimum requirements for Plan of Exploration consistency certifications in the past. The applicant has committed in its plan to include this equipment onboard the drilling vessel:

- 1) 1,500 feet of open ocean oil spill containment boom;
 - 2) one oil skimming device capable of open ocean use;
 - 3) bales of oil sorbent material capable of containing 15 barrels of oil;
 - 4) a boat capable of deploying the oil spill boom on the site at all times or within fifteen minutes of the drilling vessel; and
 - 5) oil storage capacity of 29 barrels, minimum, for recovered oil.

Oil Spill Cooperatives (Major spills, second line of defense). Removal of spilled oil in coastal or marine waters is undertaken by the party responsible for the spill, under the supervision and, if necessary, the direction of the U.S. Coast Guard. Because of this requirement, oil production companies operating in the Outer Continental Shelf belong to oil spill cooperatives which have oil spill cleanup equipment designed for open ocean use. The oil spill cooperative used for the Santa Barbara Channel and the Santa Maria Basin in Clean Seas.

Dedicated Oil Spill Response Vessels. Clean Seas currently has a 136-foot oil spill response vessel stationed in Santa Barbara harbor. The vessel, Mr. Clean, is outfitted with equipment which is designed for response to oil spills in the open ocean. Clean Seas is continuing to investigate state-of-the-art equipment additions to the vessel, and the Commission staff is currently working on potential improvements through the Oil Spill Response Capability study. This vessel will provide the initial response from Clean Seas to oil spills in the Santa Barbara Channel from Point Conception to Point Dume, and beyond the Channel Islands.

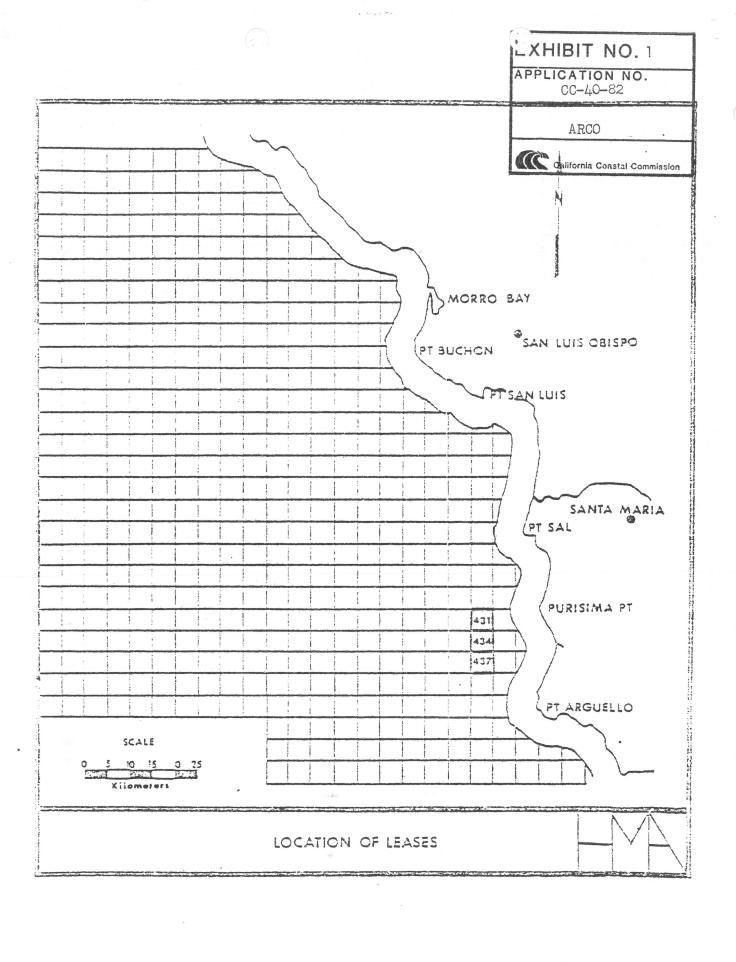
Clean Seas has recently acquired a second oil spill response vessel which will be fully equipped with oil spill containment and recovery equipment. This vessel, Mr. Clean II, is located in Port San Luis to provide the initial response to oil spills north of Point Conception.

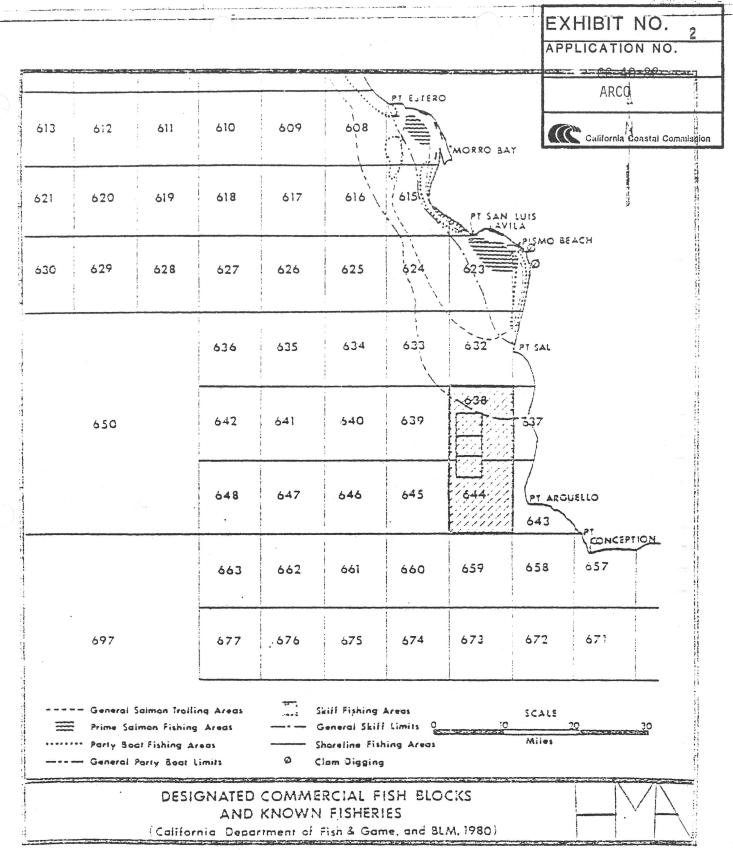
Personnel Training. An adequate oil spill response training program must recognize the different roles necessary to provide an acceptable response to an oil spill. In general, the program can be broken down to two categories: 1) training for supervisorial personnel; and 2) training for workers charged with actually putting equipment into the water. This training can be done by an individual oil company, or through the local oil spill cooperative depending on the level of the training.

<u>Supervisorial Training</u>. The Clean Seas oil spill cooperative conducted a two-day training program for supervisorial or management personnel operating in the Santa Maria

Basin. Arco sent their oil spill "Containment and Cleanup Coordinator, Offshore Containment and Cleanup Coordinator, Onshore Containment and Cleanup Coordinator, and other individuals with management or supervisorial functions to the training session. The session focused on the supervisor's role in directing workers to use equipment properly, interface with the Clean Seas organization, and making the supervisors aware of proper coastal resource protection goals.

Equipment Use Training for Workers. Workers responsible for actual use of the oil spill equipment must receive "hands on" training to use the equipment properly. Arco has inhouse training procedures that include full deployment of all offshore oil spill containment and cleanup equipment. The Clean Seas oil spill cooperative puts on training sessions that cover use of specific types of equipment. Member oil companies are encouraged to send personnel to these sessions.





Note: Blocks encompassing project area are highlighted.

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NOTIFICATION OF COMMISSION ACTION ON CONSISTENCY REVIEW FOR OCS PLANS



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On <u>January 27</u> , 198 3, the California Coastal Commission
concurred with Arco Oil and Gas Company's certification that
the federally-permitted activities described in the OCS Plan and listed
below comply with California's approved Coastal Management Program and
will be conducted in a manner consistent with such program.
MMS Plan of Exploration 0431,0434,0437
MMS Permit to Drill
MMS Permit for Pipeline Right of Way
Environmental Protection Agency NPDES Permit
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Permit to Install a Pipeline
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Permit to Install a Platform
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Permit to Conduct Exploratory Drilling
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