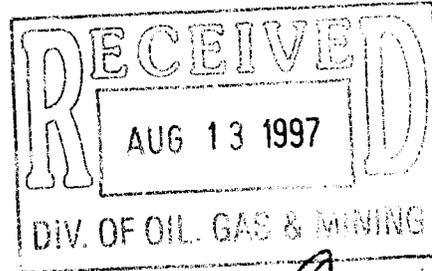


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Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Assessment Officer
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Re: Penalty Assessment Conference for State Violation No. N-97-39-4-1.

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

After our conversation on 8-5-97 I have decided to request an Assessment Conference, concerning the severity of the fine assessed to us for State Violation No. N-97-39-4-1. It is our belief that the penalty assessed us is considerably higher than it should have been for this particular violation.

We at White Oak feel that we have made substantial improvements in our Environmental Department over the past year in the areas of compliance and cooperation. It is our hope that these improvements have been noticed by your office and that we can continue to improve our reputation and credibility by doing things right and by maintaining a good working relationship with D.O.G.M and all other compliance related agencies.

It is our hope that an amicable solution will be reached concerning this matter. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Dennis Dyches
 Environmental Coordinator

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