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April 20, 1979

Mr. Allen L. Vance
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RE: Coastal States Energy Company
1978 - 1979 Amended Exploration
Program
U-020305 et. al.
EXP/007/009

Dear Allen:

Thank you for forwarding the information concerning Coastal States Energy Company's amended 1978 - 1979 exploration program.

It is the Division's understanding that the exploration program is amended in such that shallow shot holes will be utilized in lieu of an earth tamper. In addition, one test hole will be drilled, approximately 500 feet deep, in Section 13, Township 13 South, Range 6 East, U-073120.

The Division has the following comments concerning the proposal:

1. The proposal is acceptable if the conditions outlined in Mr. Moffitt's letter of October 10, 1978 to Mr. Williams

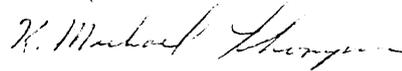
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are met, and reclamation is performed as outlined in the October 10, 1978, Environmental Analysis prepared by yourself.

2. Consideration should be given to converting the proposed test hole to a groundwater monitoring well. If the hole does not encounter an aquifer, plugging as per U.S. Geological Survey specifications is satisfactory.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



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cc: Region V, Office of Surface Mining
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