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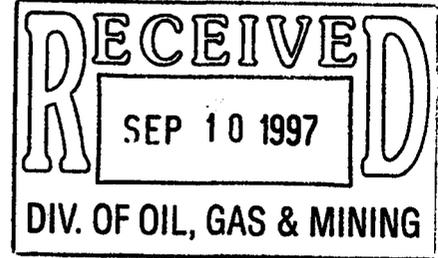


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Re: Request for Extension of Time to
comply with Division Order 97A

Although the information requested in Division Order 97A is now nearly complete, there is still more to do. I expect to make one additional submittal in early September to complete the initial Division Order response. I recognize that the scope of this permit amendment will almost certainly result in additional submittals after the Division has completed their initial review of the information submitted.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Watson
President