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Attention: Donald Silawsky, NEPA Document Manager

**Subject: LNU-Farmland Protection-
Expansion of Strategic Petroleum Reserve
Brazoria, Galveston, and Jefferson Counties, Texas**

We have reviewed the information provided concerning the proposed expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in Brazoria, Galveston and Jefferson Counties, Texas as outlined in Draft EIS dated May 19, 2006. This is part of NEPA evaluation for the U. S. Department of Energy. We have evaluated the sites located in Texas as required by the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA).

We have previously rated the soils at the Big Hill, Stratton Ridge and the Texas City Terminal sites which are located in Texas. We developed composite rating for the soils at the SPR Sites and completed the AD-1006 and CPA-106 forms for each site. You have discussed Important Farmlands in Section S.6.2. Thank you for considering the importance of protecting soils in these projects. We know of no other environmental concerns.

Thanks for the resource materials you submitted and for the opportunity to review this Draft EIS. If you have any questions please call James Greenwade at

Thanks,

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