The Santa Maria District Safety Award for Excellence is presented to Chevron U.S.A. Inc. for the period July 1 through December 31, 1993, for the professional manner in which they conducted production and drilling operations on Platforms Hermosa and Hidalgo.

During the rating period Minerals Management Service (MMS) personnel conducted 77 inspections of production, 14 inspections of drilling, and 9 inspections of well-completion and well-workover operations. Results of these inspections indicated that Chevron had an outstanding record of conducting overall operations in accordance with MMS regulations and the criteria set forth for the SAFE program. Chevron’s concern for human safety and the environment is reflected in their outstanding training program. The personnel responsible for safety on the platforms carried out their duties in an exemplary manner. Chevron safely reactivated the drilling rigs on Platforms Hermosa and Hidalgo and implemented procedures to promote communication and operational review among production and drilling personnel while conducting simultaneous operations on the platforms. Chevron was extremely cooperative in dealing with MMS personnel and in providing support for an MMS sponsored Environmental Studies Program. Field and management personnel were exemplary in awareness, knowledge, and application of Federal, State, and County operating regulations.

I join the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the Minerals Management Service in congratulating Chevron and their employees for their part in accelerating development of offshore mineral resources while maintaining a constant awareness for the safety of personnel, protection of the environment, and adherence to operating regulations.

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