

CITATION

**SAFETY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
SANTA MARIA DISTRICT
PACIFIC OCS REGION**

**ARGUELLO INC.
PLATFORMS HARVEST, HERMOSA
& HIDALGO**

This award is presented to Arguello Inc. in recognition of its excellent safety record while conducting oil and gas production operations at Platforms Harvest, Hermosa, and Hidalgo during the 2001 calendar year. Arguello has maintained the highest safety ranking among all Pacific OCS operators over the past two years. The operator has skillfully and consistently operated and maintained these facilities in compliance with Federal operating rules, regulations, and performance standards. Arguello personnel have worked cooperatively with MMS staff to ensure safe, effective, and pollution-free operations offshore California.

During the rating period (January 1 – December 31, 2001), the Santa Maria District inspection staff conducted 49 inspections of the Pt. Arguello platforms and issued only four minor incidents of noncompliance (INC's). No INC's were issued at Platform Harvest during the rating period. The inspections included a detailed annual inspection of all safety devices on each facility. This outstanding safety performance record is a testament to the quality, effectiveness, and dedication of the company's field and management personnel.

The Secretary of the Interior and the Director of Minerals Management Service join me in commending Arguello Inc. for its part in the development of offshore mineral resources while maintaining a constant awareness for the safety of personnel, protection of the environment, and adherence to operating regulations.

**J. Lisle Reed
Regional Director
Pacific OCS Region**