

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Big Thicket National Preserve 3785 Milam Beaumont, Texas 77701

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Project Termination Notice

Re: Project Termination - Sanchez Oil and Gas Corporation WM Rice #1 Well, Turkey Creek Unit, Big Thicket National Preserve, Tyler County, Texas

The National Park Service (NPS) hereby gives notice of project termination for the Sanchez Oil and Gas Corporation WM Rice #1 well proposal. The NPS released a public scoping notice for this proposal on October 21, 2004, announcing a 30-day public scoping period to solicit public comments on the proposal prior to Big Thicket National Preserve (Preserve) completing an environmental analysis of the proposal. Sanchez's lease expired on May 21, 2006, and no further progress was made on this proposal.

Todd Brindle Superintendent