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No. 29 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 2
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APPROVAL OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PERMIT
ON TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE
STATE LANDS COMMISSION

APPLICANT: Texas A&M University
Geochemical & Environmental Research Group
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PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION:

Approval of a Non-Exclusive Geological Permit
for three years to conduct geological surveys
on tide and submerged lands under the ownership
jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission
out to the three-mile limit, within permit
Regions I, II, III and IV as depicted on
Exhibit "A" hereto.

TERMS OF PERMIT:

The term of the Non-Exclusive Geological Survey
Permit is three years.

PREREQUISITE CONDITIONS, FEES AND EXPENSES:

Filing fee, expense deposit, and performance
bond have been received.

STATUTORY REFERENCES:

- A. P.R.C. Section 6826.
- B. Cal. Adm. Code, Title 2, Section 2905(e)(3).
- C. Cal. Adm. Code, Title 14, Section 15061.

AB 884: 08/03/88.

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OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. The geological surveys authorized under the terms of the permit are for the purpose of obtaining shallow samples of the seafloor for geotechnical information. The data obtained is used in the design of offshore structures (pipelines, marine terminals, platforms, etc.) and in the technical and environmental analyses of offshore oil and gas operations.

The shallow samples are obtained using nonrotary techniques (dart, jet percussion, grab) from a self-contained vessel. The vessel is typically no larger (50 to 150 feet in length, six-foot draft) than fishing boats used in the Santa Barbara Channel.

2. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to P.R.C. 6370, et. seq. Based upon the staff's consultation with the person nominating such lands and through the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the permit as part of the program for the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.
3. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Adm. Code 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA as a categorical exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 6, The Collection of Data for Information Purposes Where Minimal or No Disturbance of State Land is Involved, 2 Cal. Adm. Code 2905.

EXHIBIT: A. Permit Regions.

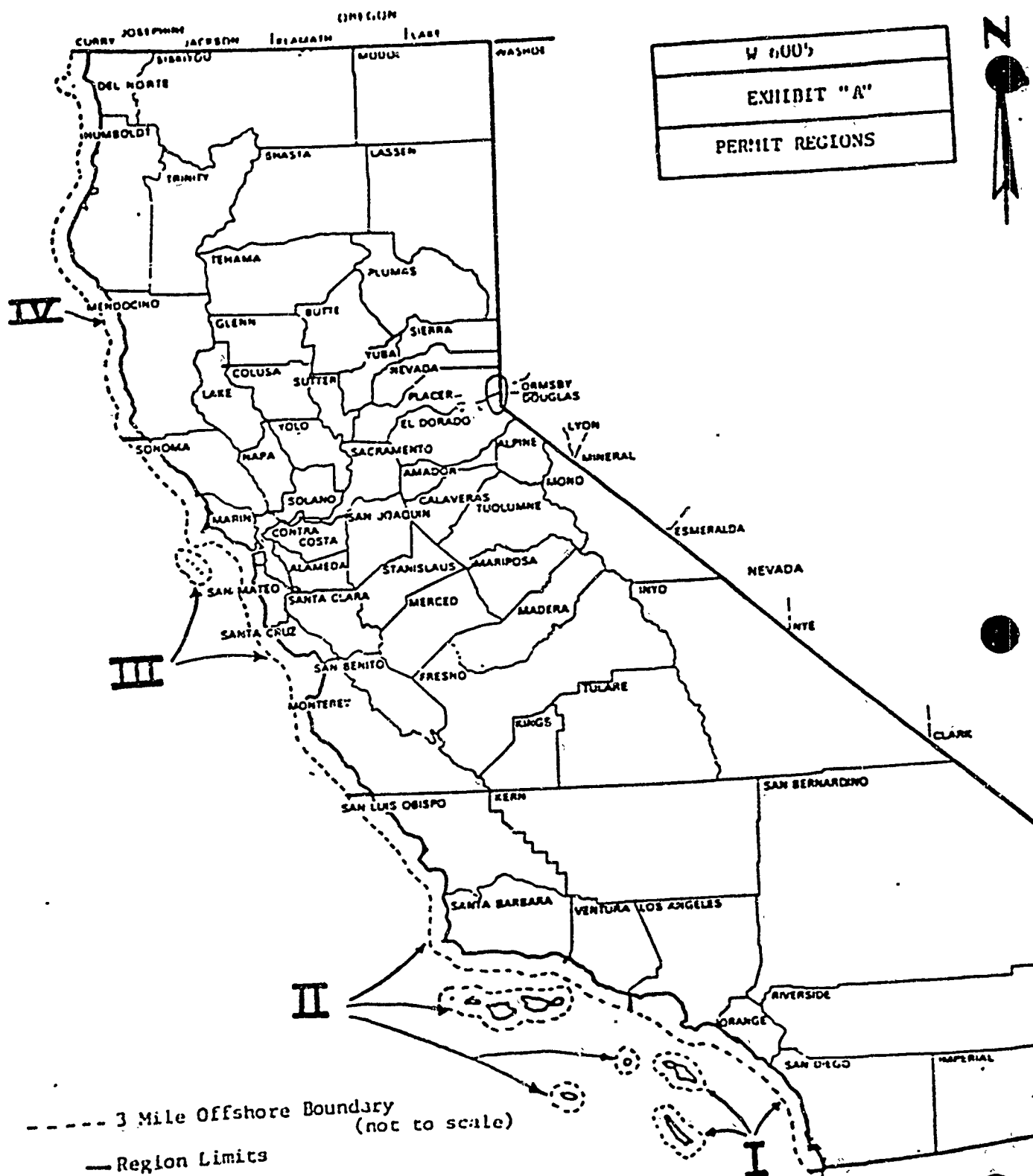
IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL. ADM. CODE 15061 AS A

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CATEGORICAL EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 6, INFORMATION
COLLECTION, (P.R.C. 21084; CAL. ADM. CODE 15100 ET. SEQ.).

2. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY A NON-EXCLUSIVE
GENERAL PERMIT TO CONDUCT GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS FOR THE
PERIOD APRIL 1, 1988 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1991 WITHIN PERMIT
REGIONS I, II, III AND IV AS DEFINED ON EXHIBIT "A" HERETO.



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