

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deputy State Director, Minerals & Lands (or equivalent)
(All States except AZ, ID and OR)

FROM: Group Manager, WO-310

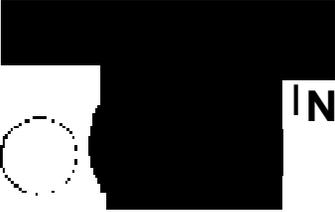
SUBJECT: IOGCC Chairman's Stewardship Award

Attached is correspondence relating to the subject award.

Please give this item your serious consideration. If you wish to nominate a major company and/or a smaller independent company or operator please complete the attached application.

Applications are due to the Group Manager, WO-310, by January 29, 1998.

For further information contact Rudy Baier, WO-310, 202-452-5024.



INTERSTATE OIL AND GAS COMPACT COMMISSION

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September 22, 1997

Mr. Bob Armstrong, Assistant Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
Land & Minerals Management
1849 C St., NW, MS-6628
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

In recognition of the need to show the American public positive projects or programs which have been initiated by the oil and gas industry functioning within the fifty states, the Interstate Oil, and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) has instituted an annual Chairman's Stewardship Award to be presented each June at the Midyear Meeting of the IOGCC. This award is not only to recognize existing achievement, but it is also intended to challenge organizations to excel and to create projects and successes that portray a positive side to our industry.

The first such award was presented in 1996, to Amoco **Production Company recognizing** its history of ecosystem conservation and extra efforts during an oil pipeline replacement project at the Hoosier Prairie State Nature Preserve in **Indiana**. **In June 1997, Phillips Petroleum Company received the second award -- this one was for its Playa Lakes Joint Venture, a cooperative program that included the U.S., Canada and Mexico, and involved the states of Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico, as well as U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, U.S. Forest Service, Ducks Unlimited and the Nature Conservancy.** Both of the awarded projects went far **beyond** meeting immediate needs or demands, **and both demonstrated the reward to the public for efforts expended by the oil and gas industry.**

There are undoubtedly other projects which have been completed in the past or are in the process of completion, which merit recognition. You, as a broad based group of organizations representing the oil and gas industry, the U.S. Government, the states and the public at large are urged to screen projects about which you have knowledge.

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In June 1998, the IOGCC will present two awards — **one** to a major or large oil **and/or** gas company and the second to a smaller **independent company** or **operator** who has **completed an outstanding** project **that demonstrated the compatibility between** resource **development** and ecosystem **conservation**. Please submit the name or names of the **individual company initiating** such a project, **along** with a detailed written **description** of the project, pictures thereof, **and/or** video tapes of the resultant work or, if available, of the project from inception **through** completion on the enclosed application form to:

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World Wide Web page

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(405) 525-3556, extension 107
(405) 525-3592, fax
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Two application forms are enclosed for your convenience, as well as a brochure describing the awards. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Barbara Skelton at the IOGCC office at the number noted above. We **encourage** your participation, **and** don't forget the cut-off date for **submitting** the names of candidates is **Monday, February 17, 1998**.

Sincerely,

James R. Daniels, Chairman
IOGCC Stewardship Award Subcommittee

Enclosures
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The Chairman's Stewardship Award is presented annually by the IOGCC to a major or large oil and/or gas company and a smaller independent company or operator who completes an outstanding project that demonstrates the compatibility between resource development and ecosystem conservation.

At the IOGCC Governor's Roundtable discussion held at the 1995 Annual Meeting, the Chairman's Stewardship Award was initiated to respond to negative perceptions held by the general public about the oil and gas industry. This award was established to recognize existing achievement and to also challenge organizations to excel and to create successes that tell a positive side of the industry.

The first Chairman's Stewardship Award was presented in 1996, with the recipient being Amoco Corporation. The award recognized extra efforts during an oil pipeline replacement project at the Hoosier Prairie State Nature Preserve in Indiana. The Hoosier Prairie, part of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, supports a wide range of plant and animal life that is rarely found in the rest of the state due to a disappearance of other native habitats. In order to minimize disruption to the area's sensitive ecology, Amoco used new directional drilling and other technologies to replace 2,600 feet of 12-inch pipe under the preserve.

The 1997 recipient was Phillips Petroleum, in honor of their Playa Lakes Joint Venture. This project is a cooperative effort of government and private entities to preserve and enhance the habitat for waterfowl migrating across the playas of five states.

An important part of the effort is providing teachers with educational materials that stress the importance of playas:

The IOGCC wants to encourage your organization's participation in nominating potential recipients. Any individual or company that has performed a worthwhile *project can be* nominated for this award. Please submit the name of the individual or company, along with a detailed write-up, picture and/or video tape showing the project in as much detail as possible. The deadline for entries is February 17, 1998.

Please mail entries to the IOGCC, P.O. Box 53127, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73152-3127. **Abu** have any questions, please call Barbara Skelton at 405/525-3556, ext. 107.

About the IOGCC

The IOGCC represents the governors of 36 states — 29 member and seven associate state — that produce virtually all the domestic oil and natural gas in the U.S., and two international affiliates. The organization's mission is to promote the conservation and efficient recovery of domestic oil and natural gas resources, while protecting health, safety and the environment.

Since its creation in 1935, IOGCC has assisted states in balancing a multitude of interests — maximizing domestic oil and natural gas production, minimizing the waste of irreplaceable natural resources, and protecting human and environmental health — through sound regulatory practices. The IOGCC plays an active role in Washington, D.C., serving as the voice of the states on oil and natural gas issues and advocating states' rights to govern the resources found within their borders.

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