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Mr. Charles E. Sandler
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Dear Mr. Sandler:

As of November 20, 20 companies out of the 28 surveyed have responded or said they will respond to our questionnaire on oil and gas exploration activities. We have sent follow-up letters to four companies--American Petrofina, Coastal, Diamond Shamrock, and El Paso (copies attached). Anything you can do to encourage these companies' participation would be appreciated.

In addition, four larger companies have not yet responded--Exxon, Gulf, Pennzoil and Union. In each case, however, our own contacts are checking on the progress of the questionnaire within the company. Since we expect that each of these companies will participate, you needn't follow up on any of them at this time.

We will keep you apprised of the additional responses as they come in. Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

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