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Re: *Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. and James Buchanan, Case No. 1495091*

Judge Denies Plains All American Pipeline's Motions to Set Aside the Criminal Indictment on Criminal Charges Resulting from the Refugio Oil Spill May 2015

District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that the Honorable Judge Jean M. Dandona denied defense counsels' five motions to set aside the criminal indictment against Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. and James Buchanan, the Environmental & Regulatory Compliance Specialist for Plains, with the exception of one misdemeanor count against Mr. Buchanan. Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. still faces 46 criminal charges. Mr. Buchanan, who had faced 3 misdemeanor criminal charges now faces 2 misdemeanor criminal charges. The case is now set for readiness and settlement conference on March 2, 2017.

The court also ruled late last month that the case would remain in Santa Barbara County by denying defense counsels' motion to change venue.

A copy of the released portion of the Indictment filed against Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., and employee, James Buchanan, Environmental & Regulatory Compliance Specialist, can be obtained at the Records Department of the Santa Barbara Superior Court, Criminal Division.

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