

order to keep them in a range below competitive market prices. The Plaintiffs seek certification of a nationwide class.

6. *Gabriela C. Aguirre, et al. v. Browning Ferris Industries Inc., et al.*; C.A. No. S-96-5539CV-B; In the 156th Judicial District Court of San Patricio County, Texas. This suit is brought by numerous local landowners seeking to recover damages regarding alleged contamination from a licensed waste disposal site located near plaintiffs' properties in Sinton, Texas. Plaintiffs allege the defendants recklessly and negligently used it to store and/or dispose of hazardous and toxic petrochemical wastes and that these wastes have contaminated the groundwater.

7. *Robert Hughes v. Wilson Supply Company and Amoco Production Company*; Cause No. 16,779; In the 229th Judicial District Court of Duval County, Texas. Plaintiff, an employee of Pride Petroleum Services, Inc., was injured in June of 1995 while working on Amoco's Well No. 1, Lease Name Frost National Bank /C/ located near Freer, Texas. Pursuant to its contract with Amoco. Pride Petroleum has assumed all responsibility for the case.

6. *DOJ Investigation of Oil and Gas Royalties*. The Department of Justice and the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of the Interior are conducting an investigation of whether Amoco and other oil and gas producers have violated the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. §3729 et seq., in connection with alleged underpayments of royalties for extraction of oil or gas on federal or Indian lands.

9. *MMS Issues*. Amoco and the MMS are involved in ongoing discussions concerning the alleged underpayment of royalties on a nationwide basis.

10. *Northern Oil & Gas, Inc. and Marvin D. Skelton v. Amoco Oil Company*, In the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico, Civil Action No. 97-1543 MW. Plaintiffs have filed a complaint seeking specific performance associated with the properties included in Amoco's 1997 Strategic Divestment Program.

11. Claim letter from Lawrence F. Gwin, Jr., attorney on behalf of Jeanette H. Cates, et al, requesting a statement of annual production attributable to his clients' account. Mr. Gwin states that his clients have been contacted by persons purporting to represent a class of owners who feel that they have been underpaid on royalties due them from Amoco.

12. Claim letter from Robert O. Thomas, attorney for the "Tallichet Group", working interest owners in Old Ocean unit, alleging that Amoco has overcharged his clients for royalty check preparation charges since 1984.

13. *United States of America, ex rel. J. Benjamin Johnson, Jr., et al., v. Shell Oil Company, et al.*; Cause No. 9:96CV66, In the United States District Court for