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### Board Action Report

Notation No.: 191

Voting Period: Urgent Notation Item (June 20-27, 2002)

Subject: **American Petroleum Institute (Recommendation 1998-002-I-LA-R4) from the Sonat Exploration Company Investigation (1998-002-I-LA)**

Whereas,

1. The Board is authorized by 42 USC § 7412 (r)(6)(C)(i) to investigate and report to the public in writing the facts, conditions, and circumstances and the cause or probable cause of "any accidental release resulting in a fatality, serious injury or substantial property damages";
2. The Board is further authorized by 42 USC § 7412 (r)(6)(C)(ii) to issue periodic reports to the Congress, Federal, State and local agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, concerned with the safety of chemical production, processing, handling and storage, and other interested persons recommending measures to reduce the likelihood or the consequences of accidental releases;
3. The Board has issued such a recommendation to **American Petroleum Institute** arising out of an incident that occurred at Pitkin, Louisiana, on March 4, 1998; and
4. The Board seeks to ensure its recommendations are tracked and adopted in order to promote the prevention of any similar occurrence.

Therefore, pursuant to its authority under 42 U.S.C. § 7412 (r)(6)(C)(ii) the Board hereby votes to adopt the attached Recommendation Response Evaluation and designate recommendation **1998-002-I-LA-R4** with the status of **Closed-Acceptable Action**.

Approval Date: 6/24/02

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Not Participating</u>	<u>Withhold</u>
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