

United States Department of Agriculture



Natural Resources Conservation Service
P.O. Box 2890
Washington, D.C. 20013

OCT 22 2002

Mr. Branden Blum
United States Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
1305 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Mr. Blum:

This is in response to Scott B. Gudes' letter, dated September 26, 2002, requesting the U.S. Department of Agriculture to comment on the administrative appeal brought by the Millennium Pipeline Company before the Secretary of Commerce.

The Department of Agriculture has no comments to offer regarding the issues surrounding the appeal or the proposed natural gas pipeline project.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald L. Marlow".

RONALD L. MARLOW
Director
Conservation Engineering Division