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**VIA E-MAIL**

Mr. David Stawick  
Office of the Secretariat  
Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
Three Lafayette Centre  
1155 21st Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20581

**Re: Rule Certification. New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. Submission #09-280: Notification of Amendments to NYMEX Rules 559, 560 and 561 Relating to the Launch of the New Gulf Coast Sour Crude Oil Futures Contract**

Dear Mr. Stawick:

The New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or "Exchange") is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that it is self-certifying amendments to NYMEX Rules: 559, Position Limits and Exemptions; 560, Position Accountability; and 561, Reports of Large Positions, in relation to the listing of the new Gulf Coast Sour Crude Oil Futures contract. These amendments establish the all month/any one month accountability levels, expiration position limit, reportable level, and aggregation allocation for the new contract.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and CFTC Rule 40.6, the Exchange hereby certifies that the attached rule amendments comply with the Act, including regulations under the Act. These changes will be made effective on trade date December 7, 2009.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Anthony V. Densieski, Director, Market Surveillance, at (212) 299-2881, or me at (312) 648-5422.

Sincerely,

/s/ Stephen M. Szarmack  
Director and Associate General Counsel

Attachment

**NOTIFICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO NYMEX RULES 559, 560 and 561**  
 (Bold/underline indicates additions)

<b>Contract Name</b>	<b><u>Rule Chapter</u></b>	<b><u>Commodity Code</u></b>	<b><u>All Month Accountability Level</u></b>	<b><u>Any One Month Accountability Level</u></b>	<b><u>Expiration Month Limit</u></b>	<b><u>Reporting Level</u></b>	<b><u>Aggregate Into (1)</u></b>
			<b>Rule 560</b>	<b>Rule 560</b>	<b>Rule 559</b>	<b><u>Rule 561</u></b>	
<i>Petroleum</i>							
<i>USA</i>							
<i>Gulf Coast</i>							
<b><u>Gulf Coast Sour Crude Oil Futures</u></b>	<b>506</b>	<b>MB</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>MB</b>