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Ameco Product' on Company Attention: P. R. A. Fitch Post Office Box 50879 New Orleans, Louistana 70150

#### Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your Initial Plan of Exploration and E -- onmental Report received Hovember 7, 1984, for Lease OCS-G 560., Block 149, the Timbalier Area. This plan includes the activities proposed for Wells : rough E.

In accordance with 30 CFR 250.34, revised December 13, 1979, a our letter dated January 29, 1979, this plan has been determined to be complete as of November 21, 1984, and is now being considered for approval.

Your plan control number is 8-1897 and should be referenced in your communication and correspondence concerning this plan.

Sf rely yours.

(Orlg. Sgd.) D.W. Solanus

D. H. Solanas Regional Supervisor Rules and Production

bcc: Lease OCS-G 5606 (OPS-2-3) (FILE ROOM)

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Minerals Management Service Offshore Operations Support P. C. Box 7944 Metairie, LA 70010

Attention: Mr. D. W. Solanas

Deputy Minerals Manager

Plan of Exploration South Timbalier 149 OCS-G-5606 Offshore Louisiana

In accordance with 30 CFR 250.34-1, Exploration Plan, revised September 14, 1979, and letter dated January 29, 1979, attached please find nine copies of Amoco Production Company's Plan of Exploration and Environmental Report for South Timbalier Block 149, Offshore Louisiana.

Amoco respectfully requests your favorable attention to this matter. Should further information be desired, please contact Harty Van of this office at telephone 504/586-6567.

Yours sincerely,

HCV/

Attachments

PLAN OF EXPLORATION
South Timbalier 149
OCS-G-5606
OFFSHORE, LOUISIANA

AMOCO PRODUCTION COMPANY NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT

CONSISTENCY CERTIFICATION

Plan of Exploration
Type of Plan

South Timbalier Block 149 Area and Block

OCS-G-5606 Lease Number

The proposed activities described in detail in this Plan comply with Louisiana's approved Coastal Management Program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with such Program.

Arrangements have been made with the State-Times in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to publish a public notice of the proposed activities no later than NOV 2 1 1984

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R. A. Fitch Certifying Official

Date

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250.34-1 EXPLORATION PLAN

November 1, 1984

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED TYPE AND SEQUENCE OF EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN TOGETHER WITH A TENTATIVE TIMETABLE FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE INCLUDING PLAN COMMENCEMENT DATE, SEQUENCE EACH WELL IS TO BE DRILLED, TIME FRAME (DAYS) TO COMPLETE EACH WELL. AND TOTAL TIME TO COMPLETE THE PROPOSED PROJECT.

Amoco Production Company (100%) acquired South Timbalier Block 149, OCS-G-5606, in Lease Sale No. 72, May, 1983, for \$16.0MM.

The block is located in 100-127 feet of water, 30 miles offshore and south of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana. (See Attachment No. 1, Location Plat).

Amoco's exploratory plan includes drilling five emploratory wells. The proposed locations of the five wells are as follows:

A. Surface: 600' FSL 600' FWL

B. Surface: 50' FSL 600' FWL

C. Surface: 600' FSL 3400' FWL

D. Surface: 2100' FSL 1000' FWL

E. Surface: 2750' FSL 1500' FWL

Drilling of the first well is scheduled to commence on January 1, 1985 with drilling of the remaining wells to end on December 16, 1985. Total time to complete the project is estimated to be 350 days. See Attachment No. 2 for the Timing Schedule on the drilling of the five wells.

A DESCRIPTION OF THE DRILLING VESSEL(S), OR OTHER INSTALLATION(S) OR DEVICE(S) TO BE PERMANENTLY OR TEMPORARILY ATTACHED TO THE SEABED INDICATING THE IMPORTANT FEATURES THEREOF WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SAFETY FEATURES AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL FEATURES INCLUDING OIL SPILL CONTAINMENT AND CLEANUP PLANS.

The actual rig to be used is uncertain at this time, however, it will be a jack-up rig similar to the Sam Noble. The rig will be equipped with all safety and pollution-prevention equipment required by the OCS Orders. See Attachment No. 3 for rig details. See Attachment No. 4 for Air Quality Data.

All operations are covered by Amoco's Oil Spill Contingency Plan previously approved by the MMS on August 10, 1984.

GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSTCAL SURVEY RESULTS IDENTIFYING GEOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND/OR SUSPECTED ARCHAEOLOGICAL ANOMALIES RELATIVE TO PROPOSED WELL(S), A MAP IDENTIFYING ANY SUSPECTED ARCHAEOLOGICAL ANOMALIES RELATIVE TO PROPOSED WELL(S) WHERE AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY IS REQUIRED, AND A DESCRIPTION OF SURVEY EQUIPMENT UTILIZED.

The attached Shallow Hazard Report (Attachment No. 5) confirms that the proposed well locations are free of surface faults, seafloor anomalies or gas accumulations.

In accordance with the stipulation outlined in the lease agreement, an archaeological survey was conducted and the Cultural Resources Report is included in the Marine High-Resolution Geophysical Survey Report.

According to Mr. William H. Spencer, Consulting Archaeologist of Southern Archaeological Research and Mr. Stephen L. Taylor, Chief Geophysicist of Gardline Surveys, Inc. "The single unidentified magnetic anomaly located in the survey area does not represent a significant cultural resource. Although the survey area is within a general environmental zone which is conducive to prehistoric settlement (Spencer 1984), the specific geomorphic features which are associated with prehistoric settlement were not noted in the sub-bottom data. The five unidentified anomalies are believed to be the result of modern ferruginuous material remaining from pipeline construction. The sub-bottom data show no indication of any geomorphic features which would be conducive to prehistoric coastal settlement."

The entire Marine High-Resolution Geophysical Survey Report in 3 copies is attached. (Attachment No. 6)

A LOCATION MAP OF THE LEASE BLOCK(S) RELATIVE TO THE SHORELINE, INCLUDING A DESCRIPTION OF ONSHORE SUPPORT BASE FACILITIES, A LOCATION MAP SHOWING EACH PROPOSED WELL, INCLUDING SURFACE AND PROJECTED BOTTOM-HOLE LOCATION, WATER DEPTH (BATHYMETRY), PROPOSED TRUE VERTICAL AND MEASURED DEPTH OF EACH WELL.

Please reference Attachment No. 1 Location Plat. This map shows the relationship of Block 149 South Timbalier area, to the shoreline as well as each of the proposed wells at surface location. The water depth in the area ranges from 100-127 feet. See Attachment No. 6 for Bathymetry Maps.

Operations will be conducted out of Amoco's base facility at Fourchon, Louisiana located 6 miles southwest of Leeville, La. The facility is equipped with a boat landing and heliport for easy access.

CURRENT STRUCTURE MAPS AND, AS APPROPRIATE, SCHEMATIC'CROSS SECTIONS SHOWING EXPECTED DEPTH OR MARKER FORMATIONS.

NOTE: Amoco Production Company believes all geologic information submitted under this section to be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act and its implementing regulations.

Attachment No. 7 is a Structure Map demonstrating structural relationships.

Attachment Nos. 8, and 9 are Schematic Cross-Sections showing the geologic setting of the prospects and depicting structural relationships as determined by interpretation of proprietary data.

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROCEDURES, PERSONNEL, AND EQUIPMENT USED IN YOUR OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN THAT ARE TO BE USED FOR PREVENTING, REPORT-ING, AND CLEANING UP A POLLUTION SPILL, INCLUDING EQUIPMENT LOCATION AND TRAVEL AND DEPLOYMENT TIME.

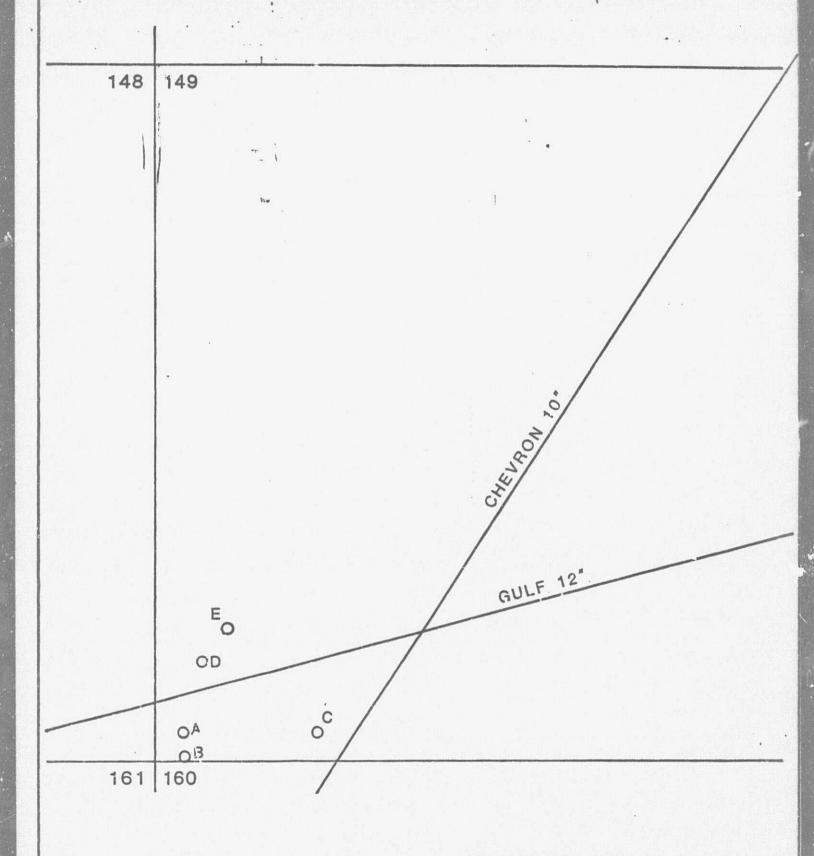
In addition to those systems commonly utilized by industry to prevent pollution, Amoco is a member of Clean Gulf Associates which is a combine of companies formed to clean up oil spills if such occur. Existing oil spill cleanup equipment with beach protection and bird-cleaning stations can be on hand within 9 hours in the event of a spill. This equipment is maintained on standby and in a sady state at locations such as Venice, Louisiana; Grand Isle, Louisiana; Houma, Louisiana; Intracoastal City, Louisiana; Cameron, Louisiana; Port Aransas (Fulton), Texas; and Galveston (Texas City), Texas.

All applicable safety and pollution standards of the MMS, USCG, OSHA, and the EPA will be complied with. All personnel will be trained in the proper maintenance of existing equipment and will participate in drills and inspections designed to enhance their ability to utilize the equipment to its fullest extent and ensure as safe an operation as possibl.

Attachment No. 10 is the Environmental Report required by Section 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA).

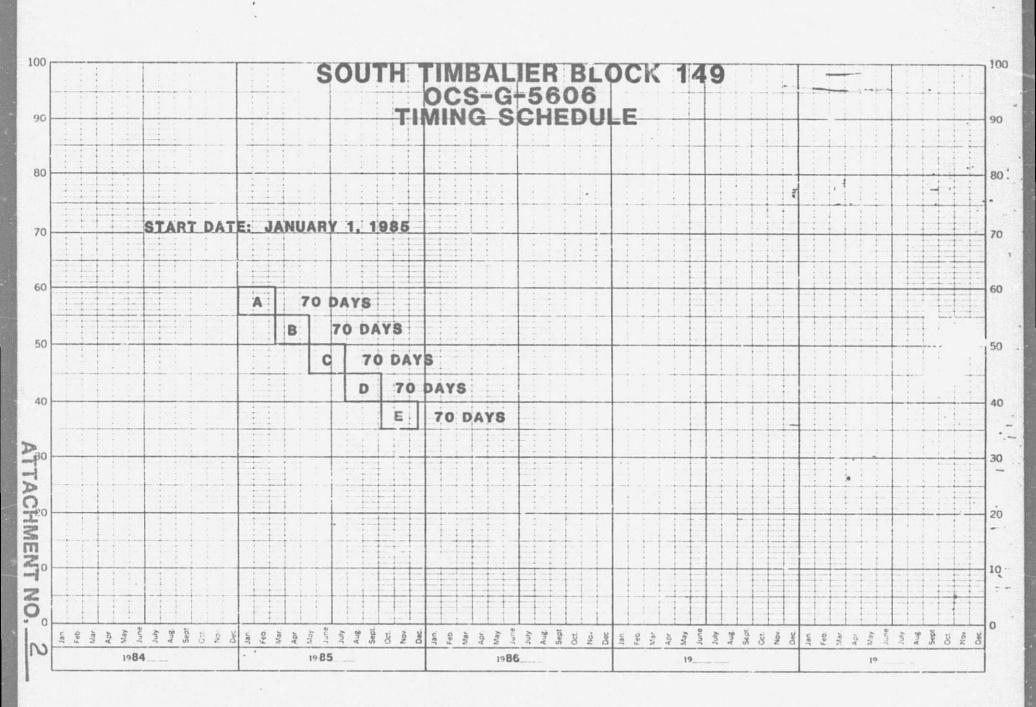
A DETAILED LIST OF MUD COMPONENTS AND ADDITIVES, INCLUDING THE COMMON OR CHEMICAL TRADE NAME OF EACH.

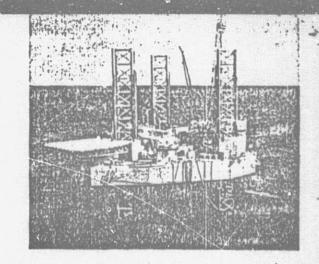
Components of the drilling mud may include any or all of the following: barite, gel, caustic, soda, chrome îignosulfonate, lignite, sapp, aluminum stearate, soda ash, phosphate, gilsonite, surfactant (methanol), Quick Seal, Spotty and CMC. No bactericides will be used in the mud system. Any drilling mud, drill cuttings, sand, or other solids will not be disposed of into the Gulf unless all of the free oil has been removed.



ATTACHMENT NO. 1

LOCATION PLAT SOUTH TIMBALIER BLK. 149 OCS-G-5606 SCALE: 1" 2000'





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Hull Dimensions	200'Long x 186'Wide x 22'11" Deep (Triangular)
Leg Length	
Heliport	
Spud Cans	
Lidht Chin	7705 m
Digit Only	
Cantilever Distance	14'-30' with 8'P/S Skidding
	35' Max. w/10' P/S Skidding
Load Line Draft	14′6″
Operating Denth	
Maximum Wind Canad	10FL
Plaximum vyina speed	125 mph
Maximur Vave Height	50'in 300'Water
Air Gap	
Design Bottom Penetration	26'; Maximum footing bearing presure 5,500 psf
Jacking Capacity	
Inclained Council	1 Polis di D
Jacking Speed	1 Ft/Min (Up or Down)
Certifications	U.S. Coast Guard; ABS Class A-1

Levingston's Jack-ups are designed to withstand hurricane conditions in the Guif of Mexico. The maximum storm criterion can be increased in association with a lesser water depth.

## Capacities

Active Mud	•	1 124 Bbl
Fuel		
Potable Water		934 Bbl.
Drill Water		
Sack Storage		1,800 Sq. Ft.
Bulk Mud and Cement		
Variable Load		. 1,800 Tons

## Levingston Shipbuilding Class 111-C Jack-up Drilling Platform

Class: These vessels will be classed ABS \* A1, non-self-propelled, self-elevating drilling units for 300 foot maximum water depth by the American Gereau of Shipping. The vessel is also certified by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Equipment	Equipment Cranes
Drilling Equipment	Drawworks         Oilwell, E-3000           Auxiliary Brake         Parmac, Inc. V-295           Mud Pumps         2 — Oilwell A-1700-PT (1,700 HP) Triplex
	Rotary
	1 — Shaffer 13-% x 5,000 Spherical 1 — 20" x 2,000 MSP Hydril 1 — NL Control System 190 x 72 Accumulator
	B.a   15   Idling System     1 — Dual 30 Top Wireline Houston Systems   Dr.
Coarters	Accommodations Quarters for 54 Persons Treatment Space 4-Maii

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DEFRICK:

Lee C. Moore 147' x 30' with capacity of 1,300,000#

HULL:

Levingston Class 111-C Jack-up with National rack & pinion jacking system. 186' x 200' x 22'8"

CREATTING DEATH:

Maximum operating depth 300' water indumum operating Jepth 31' water

SUBSTRUCTURE:

Cantilever (from transom to maximum drilling position) 30'0' 1,000,000 capacity at center line & 8' off

(from transon to anxi: " workover position) 35'0" - 1,000,000 lb. capacity of center line & 10' off center line - 780,000#

DRAWWOL 4:

Oilwell E-3000 with Kelco make of and break out catheads, V-295 bydromatic brake, complete with oversing clutch, crown-o-matic, complete with Mortin Tacker driller console.

CROWN BLOCK:

Dilwell A600 grown block rated at 600 tons with 7 - 60" steel sheaves grooved for 1-3/3" wire line.

HOOK:

One EJ 7500 Dynaplex with 500 ton rati 3

ELEVATOR LINKS:

1 pr. B. 2-3/4" x 172" 350 ton rated 1 pr. BJ 3-1/2" > 144" 500 ton rated

1 Doll head assembly with 1-3/4" x 36" units 80 ton rated

CLIPS:

1 Varco type PS-15 . pri: g operated with necessary equipment

2 Varco type SDAT for 5" drill pipe

1 Varco type DCS-R for 7" drill collars 1 Varco type DCS-L for 7-3/4" drill collars

**ELEVATORS:** 

1 BJ type TA-150 ton for 6-1/2" a 7" drill collars

1 BJ type TA-150 con for 7-3/4' draff collars

1 BJ type GG-350 ton for 5" drill pipe 1 BJ type MGG-250 ton for 5" drill pipe

1 set S.BB 5" XH F.H. Elevators Oual System (2 elevators per set)

I table for dual elevator system

ROTARY TABLE:

Oilwell 49-1/2" with Hi and low reduction gear and air brake, driven by G.E. 752 electron motors.

ROTARY DRIVE BUSHINGS:

. Varco 27 HDP for 5-1/4" API hex --11y - 49-1/2" rotary

1 Varco kelly bushing safety guard assembly for 49-1/2" rotary table

1 Varco MPCH hing d pin drive master casing bushing for 49-1/2" rotary caple

TF VELING BLOCK:

0 lwell 650 Sheaves 1-3/8 wireline 650 tons

KELLY:

Drilco 5-1/4" new with 7-3/4" O.D. top upset with 6-5/8" API regular LH box up with 2-13/16" bore bot om upset being 6-3/8" O.D. with 4-1/2" IF pin

SWIVEL:

Ollwell PC-650 with standard equipment

'CAPACITIES:	Drill water: 5,530 BBLS  Fuel: 4,134 3BLS  Potable: 900 BBLS  Total reserve active.  &!slug pits: 1 24 BBLS
SEWAGE PLANT:	1 Red Fox mode 19-2000C with Paco PIP-550 lift station Coast Guard approved for 100 men
DRILL PIPE SPINNER:	1 Spinnerhawk model 13, air operated drill pipe Spinner
FISHING TOOLS:	Fishing tools and subs for contractor's drill pipe and equipment
MUP LAF:	1 Baroid model 821
EMERGENCY GENFRATOR SET:	Caterpillar model D379 series B, diesel generator set, 4 cycle, V-8, 6.25" bore 28" stroke, 3 phase, 1200 PPM, 420 KW (prime), 480 volt
ROTARY TORQUE INDICATOR:	l Martin Decker model 102A with dual indicating dial for feet/pounds and amps
AUTOMATIC DRILLER:	1 "Bearcar automatic with necessary equipment
BUG BLOWERS.	Brandt more! B-150, 15,000 CFM
TORQUE WRENCH:	1 type of W with necessary equipment
INTERCOM SYSTEM:	l Gai-Tronics consisting of: 14 ea. weatherproof stations 7 ea. indoor stations 3 ea. explosion proof stations
CENTRIFUGAL MUD PUMPS:	2 Mission Magnum 8" x 6" x 14" charging pumps 2 Mission Magnum 8" x 6" x 14" mud mixing pumps 1 Mission Magnum 8" x 6" x 14" desander pump 1 Mission Magnum 8" x 6" x 14" desilter pump 1 Mission Magnum 8" x 6" x 14" degasser pump 3 Mission Magnum 8" x 6" x 14" spare pump 4 All centrifugal pumps or ven by 75HP electric motors
MUD AGITATORS:	nodel 85020 Lightnin mud mixers with 20 HP electric mctors model 8205 Lightnin mud mixers with 5 HP electric motors
DESANDER:	1 Demco model 123 vertical desander with (3) 12" comes
OUD CLEANER:	1 Demco model 4 MC16 mud cleaner with 16 ea. 4" style "F" cones
DEGASSIF.	1 Swaco "D" gasser
SHALE SHAKER:	1 Brandt dual tandem shale shaker

MUD 5. TEM: 1 Demco 5" 10,000# W.P. dual standpipe with 5" XXn piping with Demco 10,000# valves and (2) 3-1/2" year

piping with Demco 10,000# valves and (2) 3-1/2" x 66". drilling hoses with Martin Decker 0 - 10,000# gauges and

necessary equipment

SAFETY VALVES:

1 0ms o 1 ,000# KV300 kelly tock

3 Omsco 1),000# test 1c er kelly valves - 4-1/2" IF

1 Omsco .0,000# test i side B.O.P. valves - 4-1/2" IF

P-TANKS:

3 ea. 1130 cu. 'ft., 12'0" dia. X 15'0" high, ASME coded

for 40 PSI - for mud

w3 ea. 1130 cu. ft.; 12'0" dia. X 15'0" high, ASME coded

for 40 PSI - for cement

SACK MUD SICRAGE:

Sack cement

900 sq. ft. floor area

Sack chemicals & mud:

900 sq. ft. floor area

BLOWOUT PREVENTERS:

1 Hydril 21-1/4" 2000 PSI annular with 21-1/4" bore

1 Shaffer spherical 13-5/8" X 5000

1 ea. 13-5/8" Campion type 'U" 10,000 single ram

1 ea. 13-5/8" Cameron type "J" 10,000 double ram

3 - 5" kemp, 1 blind

CENTRIFUGAL PUMPS:

2 Mission 4 x 3 x 13 drill water

? Mission 3 x 2 x 13 fire water pumps

2 Opeco submersible raw water pumps. 1 Spare

2 Crane Deming 2' potable water pumps

2 Crane Deming 2" sanitary water pumps

2 Gorman Ruop bilge & ballast pumps

2 Brown & Sharp fuel transfer pumps

1 Brown & Sharp dirty oil pump

HELIPORT:

51'6" x 62' suitable for S-61 Sikorsky helicopter

QUALITERS:

For 84 men with 2 galleys, recreation area, offices, etc.

Three level; 90' long x 28' side x 30' high

LIFEBOATS:

2 ea. 58 man Watercraft lifeboats

2 ea. 25 man Davit launched liferafts

MOORING WINCHES:

4 Skagit model JUQ-074

CHOKE MANIFOLD:

10,000 PSI with - 1 positive choke

I hand adjustable choke

TEXAS DECK:

1 - 16' x 16' with (2) - I-R 2 Drum air winch

"IG SKID JACKS:

2 - HSMC 350 ton Jacks Push or Pull @ 2469 PSI

Hydraulic Pressure with claws

2 - HSMC 12\_ ton Jacks Push or Pull @ 2500 PSI

Hydraulic Pressure with claws

1 - HSMC Explosion Proof Power Unit

\* " iril element and seal replacements to be furnished by Operator.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Shaffer opherical element and seal replacements to be furnished by Operator.

ROTARY HOSE:

Two 3-1/2" I.D. x 60', 10,000# test

WEIGHT INDICATOP:

Martin Decker model AWD9-1 with Hercules type 131 wireline anchor.

WIRELINE:

10,000' x 1-3/8" drilling line 20,000' x 9/16" sandline

TONGS:

3 tongs BJ type DB complete with lug jaws to accomodate 3-1/2" to 17" pipe with H6B(G)-28 torque indicating system

MEASURING DEVICE:

1 1 Mathey surveyor wireline unit with maximum capacity of 20,000' of 092 line

AIR HOLST:

Rig Floor. Cellar Dock:

2 I-R type K5UL 2 I-R type K5UL

Derrick:

1 I-R EUAB/FT win h

Conductor Pipe Snubbing: 4 Beche Brothers HM-12W hand winch

VELDING MACHINES:

. Lincoln 400 amp.

ENGINE PRIME MOVERS:

3 EMD model 16-645E8, 1950 HP ea. at 900 RPM with spark arresting exhaust silen:er, complete with automatic shutdown equipment

ATR CC PRESSORS:

- . 3 Airdyne model H50BP40 for rig air
  - 1 Airdyne model 227PR3 bulk air reduction system with necessary equipment
  - 1 Airdyne L50B for bulk system
  - 1 Air lyne model 7TD cold start compressor package with Lister 8 HP diesel engine

ELECTRIC GENERATORS:

3 EMD model AB20, 2625KV: at 600 volts, 3 phase, 60 hertz 1950 convinuous HP with 2200 HP drilling service. ABS 1400 KW with 1575 KW drilling service

D.C. ELECTRIC MOTORS:

8 G.E. 752AR electric motors, 900 HP

3 on drawworks

2 ea. on aud pumps

1 on rotary

HIGH PRESCURE MUD PUMPS:

2 Oilwell Al700-PT 7-1/2" x 12" Triplex

ACCUMULATOR:

1 Koomey model T25240-3S with manifold and remote controls with model T315-25-3 triples pump with 24 eleven gallon bladder type separate accumulators. Unit complete with model AC-62 air pump package and air control panel and necessary equipment.

KELLY SPINNER:

1 International Tool mode: A-6C-2

B.O.P. HANDLING SYSTEM:

I Houston Systems 30 con; hydraulic powered with control unit and necessary equipment

CRANES .

2 FMC Link Belt model ABS/API-218A with 100' boom 88,300# capacity. with Jib 10'

DIVERTER SYSTEM:

DRILL PIPE;

DRILL COLLARS:

1 - 8" System with 20" Hydril

9000' - 19.5 E 5" 3000' - 19.5 G 5"

12 - 6-1/2" Drill Collars 4-1/2" XH Zip Grooved

12 - 7-3/4" Drill Collars 6-5/8" API Reg. Zip Grooved.

30 Jts. 5" Hevi-Wate .

Personel To Be Furnished by Contractor

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Classification	- 1	No.	on Rig	Hou	rs per Day	
Toolpusher	Ne		2		12	
Drillers	5896		2		12	
Derrickmen			2		12	
Motormen			2		12	
Electrician			1		12	
Crane Operator			2		12	
Welder			1		12	
Roustabout Push	er		1		12	
Roustabouts		•	6		12	
Floormen			6		12	

Commissary Crew consisting of : Steward, Night Cook and 4 Utility men.

# Plan of Exploration for South Timbalier Block 149 OCS-G-5606 Air Quality

This attachment includes the information required under 30 CFR Part 250.57(a), to make the necessary findings under that section.

#### Exemption Formula .

The distance of the proposed facility from the closest onshore area of a state is 31 statute miles:

The proposed facility is at: latitude 28° 35' 37.32" north, and longitude 90° 22' 41.51' west.

The closest onshore area of a state is in Terrebonne parish, Louisiana, at:

latitude 29° 3' 0.0 " north, and longitude 90° 24' 41.07" west.

This produces the exemption amount of 1,032 tons/year for particulates, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds, and the exemption amount of 33,552 tons/year for carbon monoxide.

#### Projected Emissions

#### Drilling

The wells proposed to be drilled on this plan are as follows:

Proposed We	11 Propo	sed Measured	Depth	(Feet)	Rig Type
OCS-G-5606	A				Jack-up
OCS-G-5606	В				Jack-up
OCS-G-5606	C				Jack-up
OCS-G-5606	D				Jack-up
OCS-G-5606	E				Jack-up
Total Feet 1	Drilled	92 500			-

Assuming that the rate of drilling will be constant, the total feet drilled during the plan is:

1985

92,500 feet

Assuming 60 horsepower hours required to drill one foot on an offshore oil and gas drilling rig, this plan will require 5,550,000 horsepower hours to complete the drilling. The duration of the operations is 350 days. Using the emission factors for diesel powered industrial equipment from Table 3.3.3-1 of EPA publication AP-42, Compilation of Air Pollutant Emission Factors, the following total emissions are expected from this plan:

	Carbon Monoxide	Nitrogen Oxide	Hydrocarbons	Sulfur Dioxide	Particulates
Drilling Rig	18.54	85.65	6.85	5.70	6.12

We estimate to have two helicopter landing-takeoff cycles each day at the drilling location for the 350 day period of drilling activity. The emission factors per landing-takeoff cycle for helicopters from Table 3.2.1-3 of EPA Publication AP-42 produce the following helicopter emissions in tons:

Helicopters 1.99

0.20

0.18

0.06

0.09

We plan one 2,000 horsepower workboat landing with six hours of idling three times each week at the drilling location. The fuel consumption while idling at the drilling location is seven gallons per hour. The emission factors (7 gallons/hour x 6 hours/landing x 3 landing/week x 50 weeks of drilling = 6,300 gallons) for CO, VOC and NOx from diesel vessel emission factors by operating mode, Table 3.2.3-3, and the factors for SO, and particulates from

Table 3.3.3-1 produce the following workboat emissions, in tons, at the drilling location:

Workboats	0.92	0.77	0.30	0.10	0.11
Total	21.45	86.62	7.33	5.8€	6.32

These emissions are planned to occur in 1985.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Atmospheric emissions from offshore oil and gas development and production (EPA 450/3-77-026, p. 82-83, June 1977).

Therefore, since none of these amounts approach 1,032 tons (33,552 tons for carbon monoxide), we request that you determine under Section 250.57(d) that this plan be exempt from further air quality review.



October 81, 1984

#### **Amoco Production Company**

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Subject: Shallow Hazard Report Plan of Exploration

South Timbalier Blocks 149 & 150 (OCS-G-5607)

A multi-sensor, high resolution, geophysical survey was conducted over both blocks. The results indicate a smooth seafloor, no surface faults, seafloor anomalies, or shallow gas accumulations at the below listed locations:

A	600'	FSL,	600'	FWL	Block	149
		FSL,			Block	149
		FSL,			Block	149
		FSL,			Block	149
		FSL,			B1ock	149

The sub-bottom profiler records indicate the presence of biogenic gas at various locations throughout the area. At those locations, at a proposed drill-site, a soil boring will be taken to ensure that adequate load bearing conditions exist before commencing drilling operations.

Conventional CDP and "bright-spot" seismic data, with associated velocity analyses, are free from anomalies at the above locations.

Geologic control is available immediately west and south at S. Timbalier Blocks 148 and 160. A similar geologic sequence is expected at the proposed locations.

Byron L. Gilleon

Division Geophysical Manager

La. Offshore Division

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PLAN OF EXPLORATION

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

SOUTH TIMBALIER AREA

SOUTH TIMBALIER BLOCK 149

OCS-G-5606

Amoco Production Company

November 1, 1984

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#### I. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ATTION

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED TRAVEL MODES ROUTES AND FREQUENCY:
Boats and helicopters will be dispatched from the Fourchon,
Louisiana base on a daily basis or as needed to the proposed
drilling locations upon commencement of drilling operations.
Boats will depart the Fourchon hase by Pass Fourchon and upon
reaching the Gulf of Moxico, a mone or less direct route will
be taken.

The breakdown snown below reflects an approximate account of boat and aircraft departures and arrivals for the different phases of the activity, dependent upon variable weather conditions.

support the drilling and production operations is as follows:

Drilling:

Boat - 1 trip every two days Helicopter - 2 trips daily

B. PERSONNEL REQUIRED TO CONDUCT ACTIVITIES:
The number of persons expected to be needed to carry on and

<u>Offshore</u>	No. of Employees
Drilling Phase:	
Contract Rig Crew	55 (7/7 shift)
Service Support	10 (7/7 shift)
Catering	8 (7/7 shift,
Company Supervision	2 (7/7 shift)
Onshore	
Dockside Support	6 (7/7 shift)
Transportation	
Helicopter Pilots	2 (7/7 shift)
Marine Crews	<u>12</u> (7/7 shift)
Total Persons	95

bince the rig and transportation vehicles to be used are currently working in the Gulf of Mexico, no additional families of drilling or transportation personnel are expected in the area. Any personnel needed for onshore support activities will be hired locally; therefore, no new families are anticipated in the coastal area.

C. ONSHORE SUPPORT SYSTEMS:

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- We expect to use our currently existing support facility in Fourthon, Louisiana, located on Pass Fourthon of miles southwest of Leeville, LA. An easily accessible state highway leads to the Amoco base facility. No extra land is expected to be needed under the proposed activities for facilities, storage, rights-of-way or easements. Current facilities already in use seem adequate to support all phases of the drilling plan.
- D. NEW OR UNUSUAL TECHNOLOGY: No new or unusual technology will be employed during this drilling operation.
- E. VICINITY MAP: See Attachment No. 1.
- F. PROPOSED MEANS TO TRANSPORT OIL AND GAS TO SHORE, ROUTES, QUANTITIES: The proposed action is exploratory. No oil or gas will be produced by this plan of exploration.

#### II. DESCRIPTION OF AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

A. COMMERCIAL FISHING:

The Gulf fishery is dominated by the shell fisheries: shrimp, crabs, and oysters (with smaller amounts of clams and scallops). The shrimp fishery in the Gulf area includes brown, white, and pink shrimp. These are take almost exclusively by trawl lishing in depths ranging from 2 to 73 meters.

South Timbalier Block 149, is located within the major finfish and brown and white shrimp harvest areas and is inside of the principal industrial bottomfish and high density shellfish areas. Finfish volume for the Gulf states is dominated by menhaden. It is number one in volume and second in value for Louisiana. Landings in 1983 were 1.58 billion pounds, or 53%

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of the 2.96 billion pounds U.S. menhaden catch. (Fisheries of the United States 1983, April 1984). Other finfish caught offshore Louisiana include mullet, croaker, groupers, Spanish mackeral, spotted seatrout, red drum, flounders, black drum, king whiting, white seatrout, and sheepshead (FEIS Sale 72). See Appendix No. 1 for a complete listing of the catch by major species.

Since the majority of shrimp and commercial bottom fish are caught by trawling, sites occupied by drilling rigs and attendant service boats must be avoided.

#### B. SHIPPING:

At least 8,000 km of navigable streams and 1,800 km of intercoastal waterways are located in the state. These waterways
include the Mississippi River and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway which are major waterways for the nation's waterborne commerce. Other notable waterways include the Atchafalaya River
in St. Mary Parish. Louisiana has three major ports - New
Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Lake Charles. Aside from deep-draft
ocean shipping, Louisiana is a key focal point for inland
waterway traffic. Inland barge traffic not only links the
deepwater ports to the interior of the nation, but also provides important support for the industrial structure of coastal Louisiana. The existence of barge service tends to concentrate petrochemical facilities adjacent to the water sites
in Louisiana.

There are no safety fairways near South Timbalier Block 149 See Attachment No. 2. No problems are anticipated in association with fairways (FEIS Sale 72 - Visual No. 11).

In the Gulf of Mexico, safety fairways have been established for the safe passage of vessels en route to or from U.S. ports. Consequently, placement of rigs or platforms are prohibited within these fairways. However, ships do not always use these fairways and this increases the possibility of a collision with drilling rigs, permanent platforms or vessels attending these platforms. In the fairways there is the risk of snip/ship collisions. Impacts which could result include loss of human life, spillage of oil, release of debris, including part of or the entire drilling rig and the ship. The contents of the ship's cargo could pose a serious threat to the environment if it includes toxic materials such as chemicals, crude oil, or refined products. It should by noted that while the number of offshore structures is increasing, the number of accidents involving the structures has not increased.

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PLEASURE BOATING, SPORT FISHING AND RECREATION: Sport fishing in Louisiana is a very popular form of recreation. Coastal marshland with few roads reaching the shoreline has limited fishing access and precluded full utilization of the saltwater fishery resources. Nevertheless, a high percentage of Louisiana residents own or have access to boats. Sport fishing around offshore oil and gas rigs is popular. Results of recreational fisheries surveys by Ditton and Graefe (1978) in the northwestern Gulf of Mexico's Houston-Galveston area indicated that only one-third of the boating population was saltwater fishermen and only 5% fished offshore. However, oil and gas structures attracted more tashing that any other structure, natural or artificial (87% of the boats and 50% of all offshore recreational fishing effort were directly associated with oil and gas platforms). Offshore fishermen were estimated to have contributed over five million dollars to the local economy. (The Ecology of Petroleum Platforms in the Northwestern Gulf of Mexico: A Community Profile).

Boating in Louisiana's coastal area is most often related to recreational fishing. Water skiing and sailing are growing in popularity, especially in estuarine lakes near South Lousiana's major urban centers.

Hunting is a popular recreational activity in Louisiana. A variety of water lowl are taken throughout the coastal marshes. There is one National Park, four National Wildlife Refuges and eight additional game management areas.

With the exception of Grand Isle and vicinity and a stretch of beach area in Cameron Parish, Louisiana has very limited beach area suitable for recreation. Most of it is very narrow, of poor recreational quality and generally inaccessible. Undeveloped and inaccessible by automobile, some of the highest quality beach areas in coastal Louisiana are found along the barrier island chain off Terrebonne Parish.

Several additional significant recreations resources are found along the Gelf Coast. Louisiana has ornamental gardens, scenic roads, rivers, and trails. No adverse impacts are anticipated.

D. POTENTIAL OR KNOWN CULTURAL RESOURCES:
South Timbalier Block 149 lies inside the Prehistoric and outside the Historic Cultural Resources Kigh Probability Lines.
Pursuant to the lease agreement for the tract, a Cultural Resources Report was required and is included in the Marine High-Resolution Geophysical Survey Report which is an attachment to the Plan of Exploration.

.E. ECOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE FEATURES:

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There are no areas of particular concern within South Timbalier Block 149. However, there are several areas of environmental concern that lie onshore from the lease area. These include (1) Wisner State Wildlife Management Area, (2) Point Au Chien Wildlife Management Area, (3) East Timbalier Island National Wildlife Refuge, and (4) Grand Isle State Park Beach and other recreational beaches.

Block 149 does not occupy a position within any known breeding habitat, nursery area, or specific migration route. While associated activities could occur in the blocks, they are not known to be concentrated there. No adverse impacts are anticipated.

F. PIPELINES AND CABLES:

There are two existing pipelines crossing South Timbalier Block 149. Proposed well locations are more than 500 feet from these pipelines. See Attachment No. 3 for Pipeline Details. No problems are anticipated in association with the existing pipelines.

G. OTHER MINERAL USES:

There are no known other mineral deposits in the lease area which would be considered commercially important.

H. OCEAN DUMPING ACTIVITIES:

There are no EPA approved ocean dumping sites located within the South Timbalier Area.

I. ENDANGERED OR THREATENED SPECIES AND CRITICAL HABITAT:
Five federally listed endangered whale species occur within
the Central Gulf. These include fin, humpback, right, sei,
and sperm whales. Generally, these large cetaceans occur in
continental slope and deep oceanic waters. Recently, sperm
whales have been sighted near the Louisiana Delta (Fritts,
1981, Personal communication).

The red wolf may occur along the Louisians Gulf coast in Cameron and Vermilion Parishes.

Three federally listed endangered marine turtle species (Kemp s ridley, hawksbill, and leatherback turtles) and two threatened species (green and loggerhead turtles) occur in the Central Gulf area. Only the loggerhead turtle, which wanders widely throughout the Gulf, is sighted fairly frequently in the Central Gulf and has historically nested in the Chandeleur

Islands area. However, it is not believed that any endangered/threatened marine turtles currently nest in the Central Gulf.

The American alligator occurs generally throughout the Central Gulf coastal areas in fresh to brackish water wetlands. It is believed that Louisiana probably has the largest alligator populat in the Gulf region of approximately 200,000 animals.

The red-cockaded woodpecker occurs primarily in mature open pine forest throughout the Central Gulf coastal area. A few artic peregrine falcons overwinter and migrate through the Central Gulf. Mississippi sandhill cranes are nonmigratory and a small group inhabits an area in Jackson County, Mississippi. Four small populations of brown pelicans (about 900 - 1000 birds) occur in the Central Gulf in the area of Rockefeller Refuge, Queen Bess Island, northern part of St. Bernard Parish, and North Islands, Louisiana. Bald eagles inhabit several coastal counties in the Central Gulf.

No federally listed endangered plant species are known to occur in the Central Gulf area (FEIS Sale 72).

#### III. UNAVOIDABLE ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

#### A. WATER QUALITY:

Drilling activities will temporarily reduce water quality adjacent to the drilling locations due to discharges of drilling fluids and cuttings. These discharges will increase turbidity in a plume down-current from the drill site. Released formation waters and a minor oil spill could also contribute to water quality degradation.

#### B. EFFECTS ON MARINE ORGANISMS:

Some organisms will be killed and some will be temporarily functionally impaired as a result of drilling operations. The most affected groups will be plankton and benthos immediately around the drilling rig. Damage will be both mechanical and toxicological. Discharge of formation waters, drill muds and cuttings will damage plankton within the plume. Disposal of cuttings and muds will bury some of the less mobile benthic influence and epifauna. These impacts are considered to be localized, short term and reversible at the population level.

An oil spill could affect a broad spectrum of marine organisms. However, most effects would be localized and short

term. Any effects on mammals and turtles would be significant.

#### C. VETLANDS AND BEACH:

In the unlikely event of a spill occurring and reaching shore, organisms in wetland and beach habitats could be killed or functionally impaired. Human community disruption could also occur. Although all such effects wou I be localized, any effects on endangered species and/or critical habitats would be significant.

#### D. AIR QUALITY:

The air quality at the lease site will be degraded temporarily during operations, but should return to normal once operations are measurably completed. Offshore activities probably will not affect onshore air quality. Air quality at the onshore base will be only insignificantly reduced by onshore activities. Any such effect will be temporary.

#### E. COMMERCIAL FISHING:

Only a negligible amount of sea floor will be removed from the use of fishermen by drilling operations, but trawling boats may be inconvenienced by having to avoid the drilling area. These effects and any effect that the drilling and production operations will have on stocks of important species are considered minor.

#### F. SHIP NAVIGATION:

Very little interference can be expected between the drilling location and ships that use established fairways. However, at night and during rough weather, fog, and heavy seas, ships not using established fairways could collide with the drilling rig.

#### G. CULTURAL RESOURCES:

There is only a small probability that an unknown cultural resource exists in the lease area. There is an even smaller probability that the activity in the area will adversely affect any unknown cultural resource.

#### H. RECREATION AND AESTHETIC VALUES:

The drilling locations may represent an obstacle to some sport fishermen, but such an effect is expected to be negligible and only temporary. The effects that normal operations or a minor

oil spill would have on any fish stocks important to sport fishermen are also considered to be negligible.

A minor oil spill and/or non-petroleum floating debris.could foul beaches inshore of the lease area. The fouling of the beaches would be an aesthetic detriment that could adversly affect recreation. Any effects on beach recreation could adversely affect fourism and, consequently, the local economy.

- IV. THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY WILL BE CARRIED OUT AND COMPLETED WITH THE GUARANTEE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:
  - A. The best available and safest technologies will be utilized throughout the project. This includes meeting all applicable requirements for equipment ty is, general project layout, safety systems, and equipment and monitoring systems.
  - B. All operations are covered by Amoco Production Company's Oil Spill Contingency Plan, approved by the M. M. S. on August 10, 1984.
  - All applicable Federal, State, and Local requirements regarding air emission and water quality and discharge for the proposed activities, as well as any other permit conditions, will be complied with.
  - D. The proposed activities described in detail in the Plan of Exploration comply with Louisiana's Coastal Management Program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with such Program.

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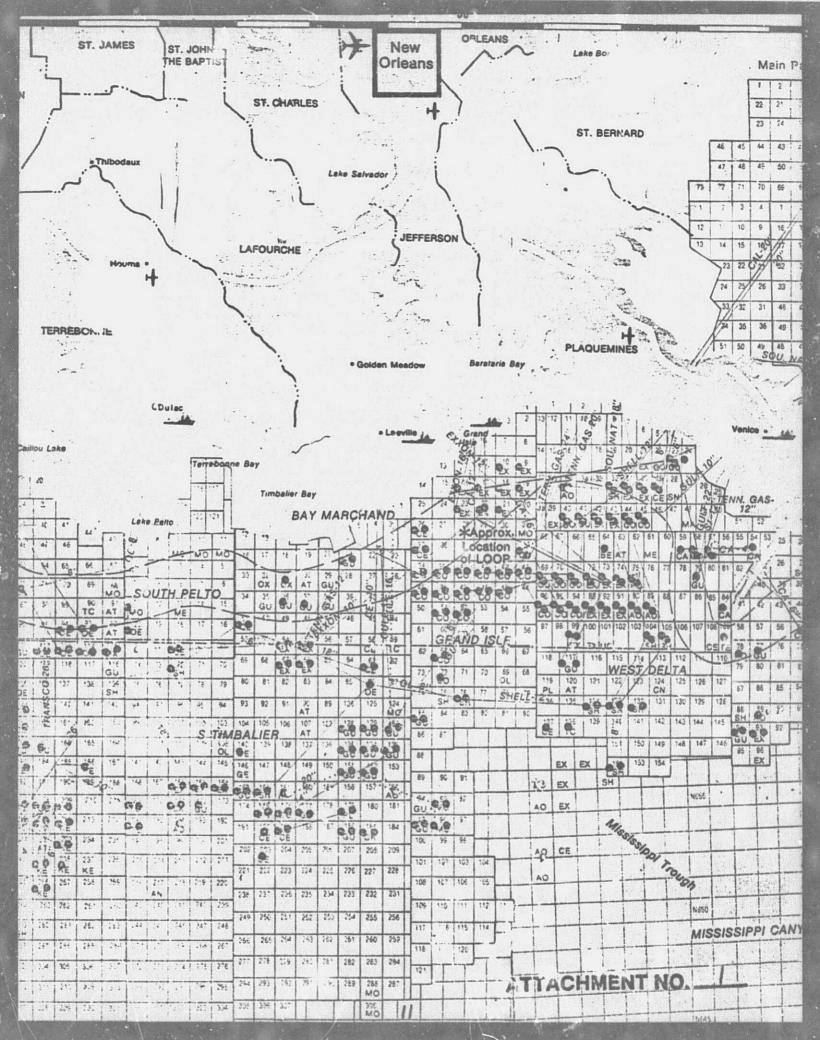
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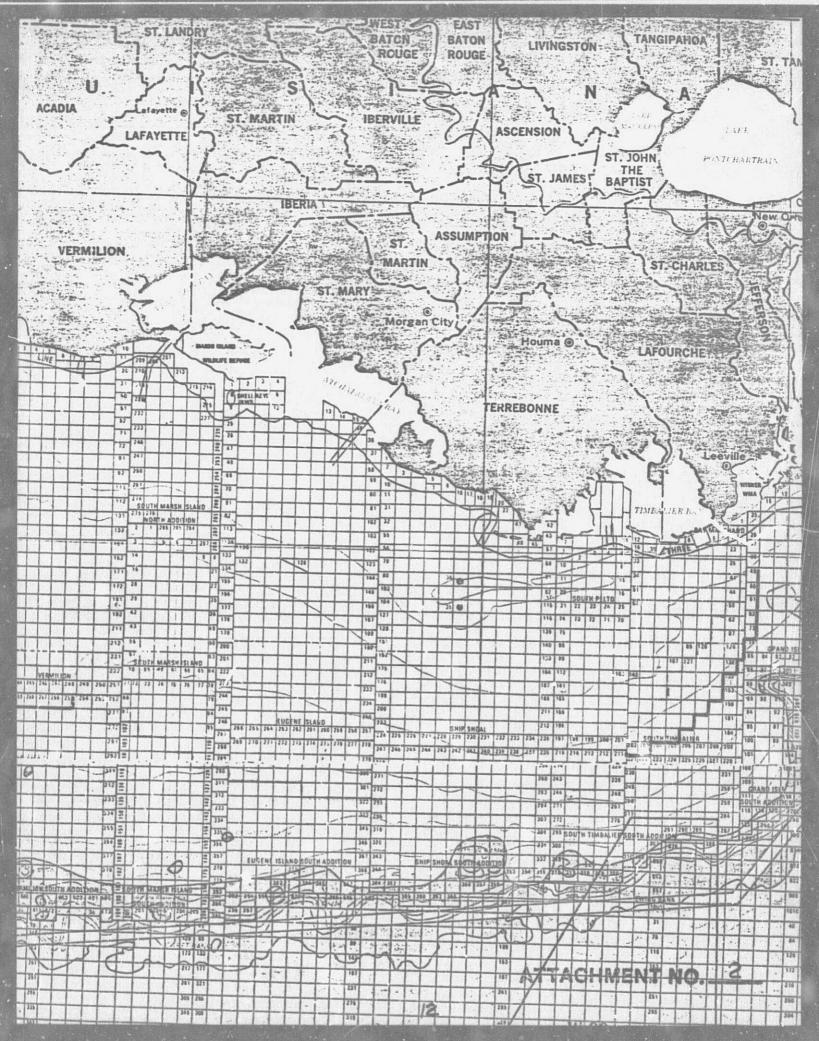
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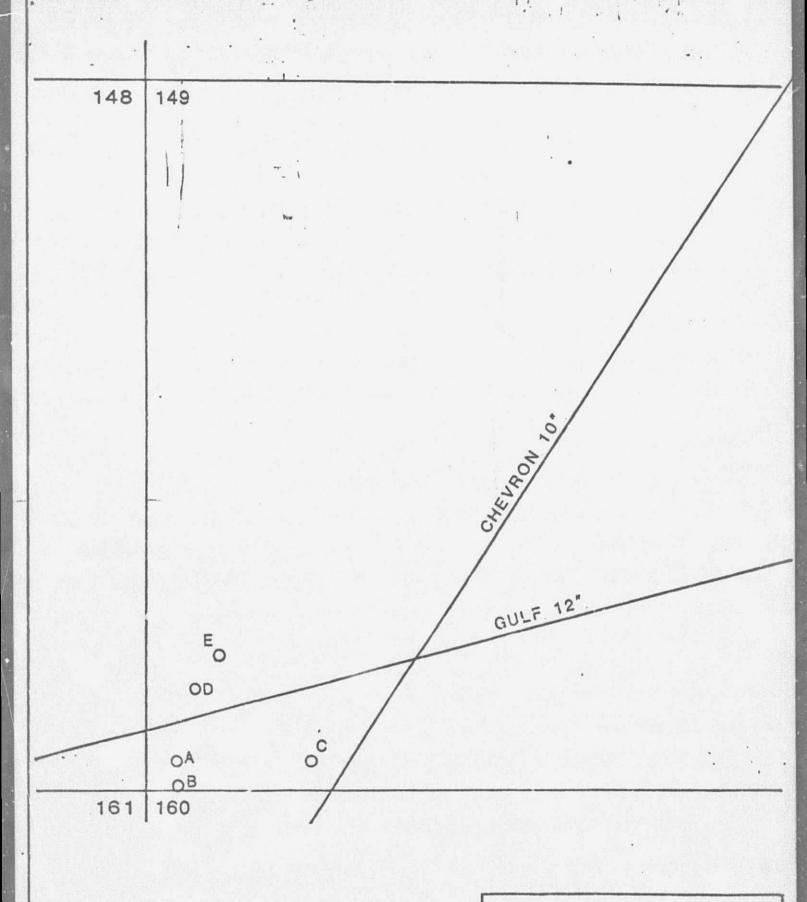
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ATTACHMENT NO. 3

LOCATION PLAT SOUTH TIMBALIER BLK. 149 OCS-G-5606 SCALE: 1" 2000'

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BLYEFISH		0	0.0	134	31
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CABIO	- 1	153		1.033	451
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CARP I		5.891.857			2 • 633 • 552
CATFISH & BULLHEAD	No e	93.612			30.79
CROAKER					703.45
DRUM; BLACK		1.690.712			1.403.27
DRUM. RED	• *	1,454,503			13.43
EEL . COMMON		7,747			102,45
FLOUNDERS		194.742			
SARFISH (FRESHWATE	M; a	921.629			314+62
GROUPERS		33.833			12.41
JEWFISH	•	374			150
KING MACKEREL & CE	HO .	229.186			1,312,76
KING WMITING		102,836			37.54
MENHADEN	•1	580 - 150 - 780		1.752.418.150	69 - 153 - 65
MULLET. BLACK		1,533,452	306+535*	1.886.654	552.79
PADDLEFISH		70.958	10,685*	71.789	10.75
POMPANO	•	7,536	24,675*	22.169	62+63
SAWFISH		2,434	194*	0	
SEA CATFISH		59.624	13.933*	37,547	5.53
SEA TROUT. SPUTTED		727,606	652,985	1,340,625	1.219.91
SEA TROUT. WHITE		30.538	11.0310	94,087	45.18
SHAD . UNCL		1.341.917	124,3660	1.811.580	161.15
SHARKS		64+850		19.919	5.44
SHEEPSHEAD . FRESHWA	TERM	1.042.935			253,42
SHEEPSHEAD. ATLANT	20	296.758			69.54
SNAPPER. RED		467.941	684+629*		1.206.67
SPANISH MACKEREL		15.027		74.140	40.69
SPOT		727		18.373	2,22
TILEFISH		6.611	4+625*	10.3.3	6766
TRIPLETAIL		1.420			150
				166,000	16.600
INFISHES UNCL FOR		16,207			80 - 139 - 27
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SHELLFISH			•		
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RAB BLUE SOFT LPE	-1 20	164,198		101+497	240.01
RAWF ISH . FRESHWATER		7.676.211	4.074.3360	10.568.423	4.701.21
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HRIMP FRESHWATER		1.000			
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YSTER . EAST . MKT . PR		3,242,101	4.681.052		D+748+76
QUID. UNCLASSIED		0	0.		39
ERRAPIN		79	86*	0	
URTLE SNAPPER		96.842	83.7500	40.273	36+30
HOGS		42.056	55+034*	35.962	37.74
TOTAL SHELLF !	SH .	37.886.720	26,499,809	43.592.768	24.456.471
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#### SERIMP LANDINGS-LOUISIANA

	Beads-off	Heads-on	S Value
1982	57,368,272	90,531,305	143,697,824
1963	48,860,554		130,911,626

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