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## BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

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In Reply Refer To: GM 235D

June 29, 2018

Mr. Clint Moore  
GulfSlope Energy, Inc.  
2500 CityWest Blvd.  
Suite 760  
Houston, Texas 77042

Dear Mr. Moore,

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No.	N-10017
Type	Initial Exploration Plan
Received	May 8, 2018
Lease(s)	OCS-G 35244, Block 336, Ship Shoal Area (SS) OCS-G 36121, Block 351, Ship Shoal Area (SS)

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of June 29, 2018, in accordance with 30 CFR 550.233(b)(1).

This approval includes the activities proposed for Well A in SS Block 351.

In accordance with 30 CFR 556.901(d), additional security may be required for your proposed activities. Prior to conducting activities in which you need to obtain approvals and/or permits described in 30 CFR 550.281(a) from the appropriate District Manager or BSEE Regional Supervisor, you must contact BOEM Risk Management Operations Group by email at [boemrmog@boem.gov](mailto:boemrmog@boem.gov) to determine if additional security is required and comply with any demand for this security.

Bottom-disturbing activities associated with the activities proposed in your plan must avoid the "No Activity Zone" of the biologically sensitive feature shown on the enclosed map by a distance of at least 500-feet. Submit to Plans Section, Office of Leasing and Plans (GM 235D), at the same time you submit your End of Operations report (Form MMS-125) to the appropriate BSEE GOMR District Office, an as-built map at a scale of 1-inch = 1,000-feet with DGPS accuracy, showing the location of any seafloor disturbance (jack-up rig placement, rig anchors, construction barge anchors, etc.) to demonstrate that the "No Activity Zone(s)" was not physically impacted.

Your proposed activities are within the "1-mile Zone" of Ewing Bank 1. Shunt all drill cuttings and drilling fluids to the seafloor through a downpipe that terminates an appropriate distance, but no more than 10 meters, from the bottom.

In response to the request accompanying your plan for a hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) classification, the area in which the proposed drilling operations are to be conducted is hereby classified, in accordance with 30 CFR 250.490(c), as "H<sub>2</sub>S absent."

Exercise caution while drilling due to indications of shallow gas, faulting, and possible water flow.

You must comply with the following species protective measures in all activities conducted pursuant to the plan:

- BOEM Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL) No. 2016-G01, "Vessel Strike Avoidance and Injured/Dead Protected Species Reporting" (available at <http://www.boem.gov/BOEM-NTL-No-2016-G01/>);
- BOEM NTL No. 2016-G02, "Implementation of Seismic Survey Mitigation Measures and Protected Species Observer Program" (available at <http://www.boem.gov/BOEM-NTL-2016-G02/>); and
- BSEE NTL No. 2015-G03, "Marine Trash and Debris Awareness and Elimination" (available at <https://www.bsee.gov/sites/bsee.gov/files/notices-to-lessees-ntl/alerts/ntl-2015-g03.pdf>).

These measures are designed to promote environmental protection, consistent environmental policy, compliance with environmental laws, and safety.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this approval, please contact Chiquita Hill at (504)736-2668.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure