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In Reply Refer To: GM 235D

July 12, 2018

Mr. J. Keith Couvillion
Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
1500 Louisiana
Houston, TX 77002

Dear Mr. Couvillion,

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control	S-07897
Type	Supplemental Exploration Plan
Received	May 15, 2018, amended May 21, 2018
Lease(s)	OCS-G 17015, Block 758, Walker Ridge Area (WR) OCS-G 17016, Block 759, Walker Ridge Area (WR)

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of July 12, 2018, in accordance with 30 CFR 550.233(b)(1).

This approval includes the proposed activities for Subsea Wells K, L, M and N in WR Block 759.

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 to determine if additional security is required and comply with any demand for this security.

The projected NO_x emissions amounts in your plan were calculated using historic fuel consumption rates. Maintain monthly records of the total annual fuel consumption for the DP drillship with a limit of 23,830,850 gallons/year and provide the information to the BOEM Regional Supervisor, Office of Leasing and Plans, Plans Section (GM 235D) annually by February 1st of each year, beginning in the year 2019. If no activities were conducted during a calendar year, provide a statement to that effect in lieu of the required records. If at any time during your activities these records indicate that your NO_x annual emissions may exceed the annual limit approved in your plan or the total annual fuel consumption limit, you must immediately prepare a revised plan pursuant to 30 CFR 550.283 to include the recalculated emissions amounts. You will not proceed with the actions that could cause the potential annual increase in emissions until the revised plan has been submitted to and approved by BOEM.

Exercise caution while drilling due to indications of shallow gas.

In response to the request accompanying your plan for a hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) 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 "H₂S absent."

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 Robert Arpino at (504)736-2414.

Sincerely,

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Acting Regional Supervisor
Office of Leasing and Plans