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## BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

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In Reply Refer To: GM 235D

April 23, 2019

Ms. Mandy L. Phythian  
Talos Energy Offshore LLC  
333 Clay St.  
Suite 3300  
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Ms. Phythian,

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No.	N-10052
Type	Initial Exploration Plan
Received	January 28, 2019, amended February 13 and March 13, 2019
Lease(s)	OCS-G 35385, Block 21, Green Canyon Area (GC)

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of April 23, 2019, in accordance with 30 CFR 550.233(b)(1).

This approval includes the proposed activities for Subsea Wells A and B.

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.

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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