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## BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

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In Reply Refer To: GM 235D

June 13, 2019

Ms. Natalie Schumann  
Castex Offshore, Inc.  
333 Clay St.  
Suite 2900  
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Ms. Schumann,

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No.	N-10063
Type	Initial Exploration Plan
Received	April 15, 2019, amended April 26, 2019
Lease(s)	OCS-G 05504, Block 224, Eugene Island Area (EI) OCS-G 36360, Block 223, Eugene Island Area (EI)

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of June 13, 2019, in accordance with 30 CFR 550.233(b)(1).

This approval includes the activities proposed for Well G003 in EI Block 223.

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.

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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