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MEMORANDUM

To: Public Information  
From: Plan Coordinator, OLP, Plans Section (GM 235D)

Subject: Public Information copy of plan

Control #	-	Control N-10132
Type	-	Initial Exploration Plan
Lease(s)	-	OCS-G 36062 Block - 953 Green Canyon Area
Operator	-	LLOG Exploration Offshore, L.L.C.
Description	-	Subsea Wells A and Alt-A
Rig Type	-	DP Semi or Drillship

Attached is a copy of the subject plan.

It has been deemed submitted and is under review for approval.

Michelle Griffitt Evans  
Plan Coordinator

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**INITIAL PLAN OF EXPLORATION**

**OCS-G-36062 LEASE**

**GREEN CANYON BLOCK 953**

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Company Name/No: LLOG Exploration Offshore, L.L.C., 02058  
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Area-Block: Green Canyon GC, 953: , : , : , : ,  
Surface Locations: 1

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**Initial Exploration Plan  
Plan N-10132  
Green Canyon Block 953  
OCS-G-32062 Lease**

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**RECORD OF CHANGES**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SECTION-PAGE</b>	<b>BRIEF SYMOPSIS</b>
11/10/2020	Section J	Added Lease Stipulation No. 3 – Military Warning Areas
12/2/2020	Entire Plan	Complete Amended Plan
12/10/2020	Attachment A-1	Amended volume from uncontrolled blowout from 45,313 BOPD to 137,255 BOPD. Amended total volume of WCD from ~2.922 MMBO to ~10.706 MMBO.
	Appendix B Paragraph G	Revised statement from submitting the WCD as part of Attachment B-1 to providing a statement accepting BOEM's WCD calculations of 137,255 BOPD.
	Attachment B-1	Removed reference to attachment from plan as no longer required since we are using BOEM's WCD calculation.
	Attachment B-2	Revised attachment B-2 to B-1 and amended attachment to reference the new WCD calculation of 137,255 BOPD.
	Appendix H	Replaced the WCD for the plan in the table from 45,313 BOPD to 137,255 BOPD. Replace Oil Spill Discussion immediately following Appendix H to reflect new WCD.
12/10/2020	Entire Plan	Complete Amended Plan – Final Copy

**LLOG EXPLORATION OFFSHORE, L.L.C.**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL EXPLORATION PLAN**  
**OCS-G-36062 LEASE**  
**GREEN CANYON 953**

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**APPENDIX A**  
**PLAN CONTENTS**  
**(30 CFR Part 550.211 and 550.241)**

**A. Plan information**

In accordance with 30 CFR 550.211 and 550.241(a), NTL No. 2008-G04 and NTL 2015-N01, LLOG Exploration Offshore, LLC (LLOG) proposes the drilling, completion, testing and installation of subsea wellhead and/or manifold for one (1) proposed surface location KC 953 A on Lease OCS-G-36062 and proposes one (1) mirrored well (KC 953 Alt A) to be drilled only in the event of a failure . The operations proposed will not utilize pile-driving, nor is Operator proposing any new pipelines expected to make landfall.

Included as *Attachment A-1* is Form BOEM 137 “OCS Plan Information Form”, which provides for the drilling, sub-sea completion and testing of all well locations.

**B. Location**

*Attachment A-2 – Well Location Plat*

*Attachment A-3 – Bathymetry Map – Seafloor disturbance area*

**C. Safety & Pollution Features**

LLOG will utilize a Drillship or a DP semi-submersible drilling rig for the proposed operations. A description of the drilling units is included on the OCS Plans Information Form. Rig specifications will be made part of the Application for Permit to Drill.

Safety features on the drilling unit will include well control, pollution prevention, and blowout prevention equipment as described in Title 30 CFR Part 250, Subparts C, D, E and G; and further clarified by BOEM’s Notices to Lessees, and currently policy making invoked by BOEM, EPA and USCG. Appropriate life rafts, life jackets, ring buoys, etc., will be maintained on the facility at all times.

Pollution prevention measures include installation of curbs, gutters, drip pans, and drains on the drilling deck areas to collect all contaminants and debris.

**D. Storage Tanks and Vessels**

The following table details the storage tanks and/or production vessels that will store oil (capacity greater than 25 bbls. or more) and be used to support the proposed activities (MODU, barges, platforms, etc.):

Type of Storage Tank	Type of Facility	Tank Capacity (bbls)	Number of tanks	Total Capacity (bbls)	Fluid Gravity (API)
Fuel Oil Storage Tank	Drillship	16,564	1	16,564	No. 2 Diesel - 43
Fuel Oil Storage Tank		16,685.5	1	16,685.5	No. 2 Diesel - 43
Fuel Oil Settling Tank		836.6	2	1,673.2	No. 2 Diesel - 43
Fuel Oil Day Tanks		836.6	2	1,673.2	No. 2 Diesel - 43

Type of Storage Tank	Type of Facility	Tank Capacity (bbls)	Number of tanks	Total Capacity (bbls)	Fluid Gravity (API)
Fuel Oil (Marine Diesel)	DP Semi-Submersible	164	1	164	30
Fuel Oil Day		367	2	734	30
Emergency Generator		31	1	31	30
Forward Hull Fuel Oil		4634	2	9268	30
Lower Aft Hull Fuel Oil		3462	2	6924	30
Lube Oil Services		117	1	132.1	45
		10.5	1		
		4.6	1		
Dirty Lube Oil		38	1	66	45
		28	1		
Dirty Bilge		190	4	760	10

**E. Pollution Prevention Measures:** Not applicable. The State of Florida is not an affected State by the proposed activities in this plan.

**F. Additional measures:** LLOG does not propose any additional safety, pollution prevention, or early detection measures, beyond those required in 30 CFR 250 and per December 13, 2010 – Guidance for Deepwater Drillers to Comply with Strengthened Safety and Environmental Standards.

# **OCS Plan Information Form**

## **Attachment A-1 (Public Information)**

**OCS PLAN INFORMATION FORM**

General Information			
Type of OCS Plan:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exploration Plan (EP) INITIAL	Development Operations Coordination Document (DOCD)	
Company Name: LLOG Exploration Offshore, L.L.C.		BOEM Operator Number: GOM 2058	
Address:		Contact Person: Sue Sachitana	
1001 Ochsner Boulevard, Suite 100		Phone Number: 985-801-4300	
Covington, LA 70433		E-Mail Address: sue.sachitana@llog.com	
If a service fee is required under 30 CFR 550.125(a), provide the	Amount paid	\$3,673.00	Receipt No. 26Q11T81

Project and Worst Case Discharge (WCD) Information			
Lease(s): OCS-G-36062	Area: GC	Block(s): 953	Project Name (If Applicable): Kings Road E
Objective(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gas	<input type="checkbox"/> Sulphur <input type="checkbox"/> Salt	Onshore Support Base(s): Fourchon, LA
Platform/Well Name: Loc "A"	Total Volume of WCD: ~10.706 MMBO		API Gravity: 25.7°
Distance to Closest Land (Miles): 141 miles	Volume from uncontrolled blowout: 137,255 BOPD		
Have you previously provided information to verify the calculations and assumptions for your WCD?			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If so, provide the Control Number of the EP or DOCD with which this information was provided			
Do you propose to use new or unusual technology to conduct your activities?			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you propose to use a vessel with anchors to install or modify a structure?			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you propose any facility that will serve as a host facility for deepwater subsea development?			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Description of Proposed Activities and Tentative Schedule (Mark all that apply)			
Proposed Activity	Start Date	End Date	No. of Days
Exploration drilling			
Development drilling			
Well completion			
Well test flaring (for more than 48 hours)			
Installation or modification of structure			
Installation of production facilities			
Installation of subsea wellheads and/or manifolds			
Installation of lease term pipelines			
Commence production			
Other (Specify and attach description)			

Description of Drilling Rig		Description of Structure	
<input type="checkbox"/> Jackup	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drillship	<input type="checkbox"/> Caisson	<input type="checkbox"/> Tension leg platform
<input type="checkbox"/> Gorilla Jackup	<input type="checkbox"/> Platform rig	<input type="checkbox"/> Fixed platform	<input type="checkbox"/> Compliant tower
<input type="checkbox"/> Semisubmersible	<input type="checkbox"/> Submersible	<input type="checkbox"/> Spar	<input type="checkbox"/> Guyed tower
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DP Semisubmersible	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Attach Description)	<input type="checkbox"/> Floating production system	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Attach Description)
Drilling Rig Name (If Known):			

Description of Lease Term Pipelines			
From (Facility/Area/Block)	To (Facility/Area/Block)	Diameter (Inches)	Length (Feet)



**OCS PLAN INFORMATION FORM (CONTINUED)**  
**Include one copy of this page for each proposed well/structure**

Proposed Well/Structure Location										
Well or Structure Name/Number (If renaming well or structure, reference previous name): Loc "A"				Previously reviewed under an approved EP or DOCD?			Yes	No		x
Is this an existing well or structure?		Yes	No	If this is an existing well or structure, list the Complex ID or API No.						
Do you plan to use a subsea BOP or a surface BOP on a floating facility to conduct your proposed activities?							x	Yes	No	
<b>WCD info</b>	For wells, volume of uncontrolled blowout (Bbls/day): 137,255 BOPD			For structures, volume of all storage and pipelines (Bbls):			API Gravity of fluid		25.7°	
<b>Surface Location</b>				<b>Bottom-Hole Location (For Wells)</b>			<b>Completion (For multiple completions, enter separate lines)</b>			
<b>Lease No.</b>	OCS G36062			OCS			OCS OCS			
<b>Area Name</b>	Green Canyon									
<b>Block No.</b>	953									
<b>Blockline Departures (in feet)</b>	N/S Departure: F__s__L			N/S Departure: F____L			N/S Departure: F____L		N/S Departure: F____L	
	3,240'									
	E/W Departure: F__E__L			E/W Departure: F____L			E/W Departure: F____L		E/W Departure: F____L	
	3,995'									
<b>Lambert X-Y coordinates</b>	X: 2,451,205.00			X:			X:			
	Y: 9,808,200.00			Y:			Y:			
<b>Latitude/ Longitude</b>	Latitude 27° 00' 27.216" N			Latitude			Latitude Latitude Latitude			
	Longitude 90° 30' 34.228" W			Longitude			Longitude Longitude Longitude			
Water Depth (Feet): 5,001'				MD (Feet):		TVD (Feet):		MD (Feet):		TVD (Feet):
Anchor Radius (if applicable) in feet:								MD (Feet):		TVD (Feet):
Anchor Locations for Drilling Rig or Construction Barge (If anchor radius supplied above, not necessary)										
Anchor Name or No.	Area	Block	X Coordinate		Y Coordinate		Length of Anchor Chain on Seafloor			
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**OCS PLAN INFORMATION FORM (CONTINUED)**  
**Include one copy of this page for each proposed well/structure**

Proposed Well/Structure Location										
Well or Structure Name/Number (If renaming well or structure, reference previous name): Loc "Alt A"				Previously reviewed under an approved EP or DOCD?			Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
Is this an existing well or structure?		Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If this is an existing well or structure, list the Complex ID or API No.			N/A	
Do you plan to use a subsea BOP or a surface BOP on a floating facility to conduct your proposed activities?							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<b>WCD info</b>	For wells, volume of uncontrolled blowout (Bbls/day): 137,255 BOPD			For structures, volume of all storage and pipelines (Bbls):			API Gravity of fluid		25.7°	
<b>Surface Location</b>				<b>Bottom-Hole Location (For Wells)</b>			<b>Completion (For multiple completions, enter separate lines)</b>			
<b>Lease No.</b>	OCS OCS-G-36062			OCS			OCS OCS			
<b>Area Name</b>	Green Canyon									
<b>Block No.</b>	953									
<b>Blockline Departures (in feet)</b>	N/S Departure: F__S__L 3,240'			N/S Departure: F___L			N/S Departure: F___L N/S Departure: F___L N/S Departure: F___L			
	E/W Departure: F__E__L 4,045'			E/W Departure: F___L			E/W Departure: F___L E/W Departure: F___L E/W Departure: F___L			
<b>Lambert X-Y coordinates</b>	X: 2,451,155.00			X:			X: X: X:			
	Y: 9,808,200.00			Y:			Y: Y: Y:			
<b>Latitude/ Longitude</b>	Latitude 27° 0' 27.226" N			Latitude			Latitude Latitude Latitude			
	Longitude 90° 30' 34.780" W			Longitude			Longitude Longitude Longitude			
Water Depth (Feet): 5,002'				MD (Feet):		TVD (Feet):		MD (Feet):		TVD (Feet):
Anchor Radius (if applicable) in feet:								MD (Feet):		TVD (Feet):
Anchor Locations for Drilling Rig or Construction Barge (If anchor radius supplied above, not necessary)										
Anchor Name or No.	Area	Block	X Coordinate	Y Coordinate	Length of Anchor Chain on Seafloor					
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# **Well Location Plats**

## **Attachment A-2 (Public Information)**

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### PROPOSED WELL LOCATION

LOCATION	BLOCK	CALLS		COORDINATES		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	WD	MD	TVD
'A' (SL)	GC/953	3,995.00' FEL	3,240.00' FSL	X = 2,451,205.00	Y = 9,808,200.00	27° 00' 27.216"N	90° 30' 34.228"W	5,001'		
'A' ALT (SL)	GC/953	4,045.00' FEL	3,240.00' FSL	X = 2,451,155.00	Y = 9,808,200.00	27° 00' 27.226"N	90° 30' 34.780"W	5,002'		

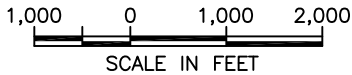
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**GC 953**  
 OCS-G 36062  
 LLOG EXPLORATION OFFSHORE L.L.C.

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○ 'A' & 'A' ALT (SL)



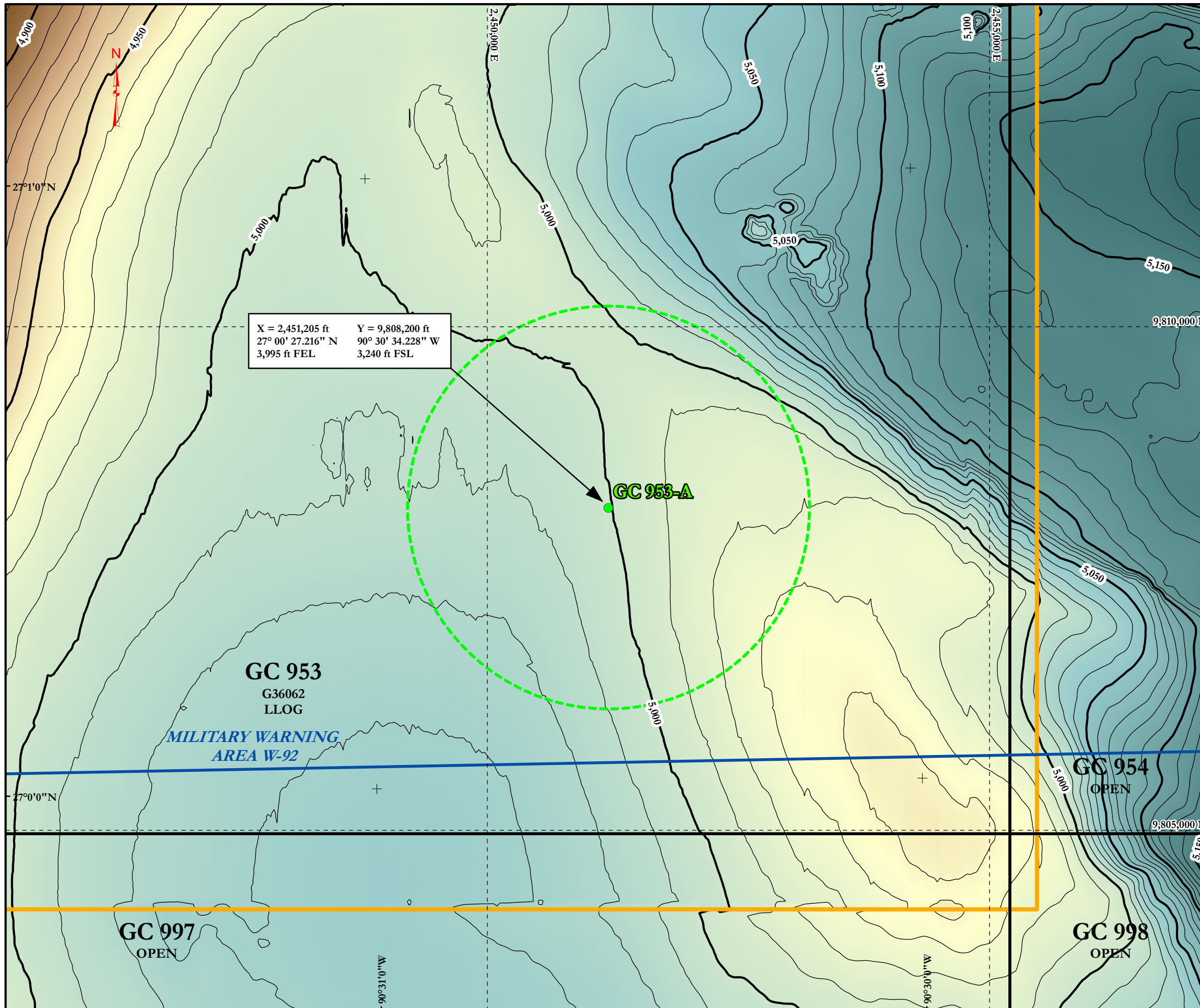
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PROJECTION: U.T.M.	EXPLORATION PLAT			
ZONE: 15				
 <b>Echo OFFSHORE LLC</b> 36499 Perkins Road Prairieville, Louisiana 70769 Tel: 225-673-2163	PROPOSED WELLS 'A' & 'A' ALT OCS-G 36062 BLOCK 953 GREEN CANYON AREA GULF OF MEXICO			
	DRAWN BY: JFL	DATE: 8/13/2019	CHECKED BY: RJN	DRAWING No.: 18-014 EXP
	REV. DATE:	REV. No.:	SCALE: 1"=2,000'	JOB No.: 18-014-41

# **Bathymetry Map**

## **Attachment A-3 (Public Information)**



**Legend**

- + Lat/Long Grid Points
- - - - UTM Northing and Easting Grid Lines
- Military Warning Area W-92
- AUV Survey Area
- Proposed Well
- 2,000-ft Radius Circle
- 10-ft Contours
- 50-ft Contours

Grid Information:  
 Data Source: AUV Multibeam  
 Method: Kriging  
 Spacing: 10 ft  
 Search Radius: 30 ft

**\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\***  
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 Public information obtained from BOEM database (August 2019).

Geodetic Datum: NAD27 Projection: UTM Zone: 15N Grid Units: Feet	Interpretation By: T.Nguyen Cartography: T. Nguyen Project No.: 18-05-14 Date: August 2019
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Block 953  
 Green Canyon Area  
 Gulf of Mexico

Map W-1  
 Bathymetry  
 Proposed Well GC 953-A  
 Lease No. G36062

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**B-geo**

**APPENDIX B**  
**GENERAL INFORMATION**  
**(30 CFR Part 550.213 and 550.243)**

**A. Applications and Permits**

There are no Federal/State applications to be submitted for the activities provided for in this Plan (exclusive to BOEM permit applications and general permits issued by the EPA and COE)

<b>Application/Permit</b>	<b>Issuing Agency</b>	<b>Status</b>
LA Consistency	LA Coastal Zone Management	To be filed
APD	BSEE	To be filed

**B. Drilling Fluids**

<b>Type of Drilling Fluid</b>	<b>Estimated Volume of Drilling Fluid to be used per Well</b>
Water Based (seawater, freshwater, barite)	See Appendix F, Table 1 of this Plan
Oil-based (diesel, mineral oil)	N/A
Synthetic-based (internal olefin, ester)	See Appendix F, Table 2 of this Plan

**C. New Or Unusual Technology**

LLOG does not propose using any new and/or unusual technology for the operations proposed in this Supplemental Plan.

**D. Bonding Statement**

The bond requirements for the activities and facilities proposed in this Supplemental Exploration Plan are satisfied by an area wide bond, furnished and maintained according to 30 CFR Part 256; subpart I; NTL No. 2000-G16, "Guidelines for General Lease Surety Bonds," and additional security under 30 CFR 256.53(d) and NTL No. 2003-N06 "Supplemental Bond Procedures."

**E. Oil Spill Responsibility (OSFR)**

LLOG Exploration Offshore, L.L.C (MMS Co. No. 02058) will demonstrate oil spill financial responsibility for the facilities proposed in this Supplemental EP according to 30 CFR Part 553, and NTL No. 2008-N05 "Guidelines for Oil Spill Financial Responsibility (OSFR) for Covered Facilities."

**F. Deepwater Well Control Statement**

LLOG Exploration Offshore, L.L.C. (MMS Co. No. 02058) has the financial capability to drill a relief well and conduct other emergency well control operations.

**G. Blowout Scenario**

The Worst-Case Discharge (WCD) Calculations for the proposed well has been determined by BOEM as 137,255 BOPD and accepted by LLOG. The Blowout Scenario, including Site Specific Proposed Relief Well and Intervention Planning and Relief Well Response Time Estimate (Public Information) - Attachment B-1.

**NTL 2015-N01 Data**

**Blowout Scenario**

**Attachment B-1  
(Public Information)**





**BLOWOUT SCENARIO  
GC 953**

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**BLOWOUT SCENARIO**

Pursuant with 30 CFR 550.213(g), 550.219, 550,250 and NTL 2015-N01 the following attachment provides a blowout scenario description, information regarding any oil spill, WCD results and assumptions of potential spill and additional measures taken to firstly enhance the ability to prevent a blowout and secondly to manage a blowout scenario if it occurred.

**INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS**

**PROPOSED PROSPECT INFORMATION**

Well Surface Location	WD	X (NAD 27)	Y (NAD 27)	Latitude	Longitude
GC 953 "A" OCS-G 36062	5001	2,451,505.00	9,808,200.00	27° 00' 27.216"	90° 30' 34.228"
GC 953 "A-alt" OCS-G 36062	5002	2,451,155.00	9,808,200.00	27° 00' 27.226"	90° 30' 34.780"

**INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS**

**A) Blowout scenario**

The GC 953 well(s) to be drilled to potential outlined in the Geological and Geophysical Information Section of this plan utilizing a typical subsea wellhead system, conductor, surface and intermediate casing strings and a MODU rig with marine riser and a subsea BOP system. A hydrocarbon influx and a well control event occurring from the objective sand is modeled with no drill pipe or obstructions in the wellbore followed by a failure of the subsea BOP's and loss of well control at the seabed. The simulated flow and worst case discharge (WCD) results for all wells are calculated and the highest WCD is used for this unrestricted blowout scenario.

**B) Estimated flow rate of the potential blowout**

Category	Initial EP
Type of Activity	Drilling
Facility Location (area / block)	GC 953 (surface location)
Facility Designation	MODU
Distance to Nearest Shoreline (nautical miles)	~122
Uncontrolled Blowout (Volume per day)	<b>137,255</b> bbls (max. est. - Merlin®) (see attached)
Type of Fluid	Crude (25.7 API oil)

**C) Total volume and maximum duration of the potential blowout**

Duration of Flow (days)	<b>78</b> days total (see Relief Well Response Estimate below)
Total Volume of Spill (bbls)	<b>~10.706</b> MMBO based on <b>78</b> days of uncontrolled flow based on simulator models (Merlin®)

**D) Assumptions and calculations used in determining the worst case discharge**

Based on BOEM's WCD calculation of 137,255 BOPD as referenced in Appendix B paragraph G of this plan.

**E) Potential for the well to bridge over**

Mechanical failure/collapse of the borehole in a blowout scenario is influenced by several factors including in-situ stress, rock strength and fluid velocities at the sand face. Given the substantial fluid velocities inherent in the WCD, and the scenario as defined where the formation is not supported by a cased and cemented wellbore, it is possible that the borehole may fall/collapse/bridge over within a span of a few days, significantly reducing the outflow of the rates. For this blowout scenario, no bridging is considered.

**F) Likelihood for intervention to stop blowout**

The likelihood of surface intervention to stop a blowout is based on some of the following equipment specific to potential MODU's to be contracted for this well. It is reasonable to assume that the sooner you are able to respond to the initial blowout, the better likelihood there is to control and contain the event due to reduced pressures at the wellhead, less exposure of well fluids to erode and compromise the well control equipment, and less exposure of hydrocarbons to the surface to safeguard personnel and equipment in an emergency situation. This equipment includes:

- Secondary Acoustic BOP Control System – based on specific rig contracted for work, BOP's possibly available with active secondary acoustic controls for specific BOP functions. This system has the ability to communicate and function specific BOP controls from the surface in the event of a failure of the primary umbilical control system. This system typically can establish BOP controls from the surface acoustic system package on the rig or by deploying a second acoustic package from a separate vessel of opportunity. This system may not be included on all MODU's presently in GOM. This system is typically configured to function the following:
  - Blind/shear ram close
  - Pipe ram close
  - LMRP disconnect
  
- ROV Intervention BOP Control System – includes one or more ROV intervention panels mounted on the subsea BOP's located on the seabed allows a ROV utilizing standard ROV stabs to access and function the specific BOP controls. These functions will be tested at the surface as part of the required BOP stump test and selectively at the seafloor to ensure proper functionality. These function include the following (at a minimum):
  - Blind/shear ram close
  - Pipe ram close
  - LMRP disconnect
  - WH disconnect
  
- Deadman / Autoshear function – typically fitted on DP MODU's and but to be on all MODU's operating in the GOM according to new requirements, this equipment allows for an automated pre-programmed sequence of functions to close the casing shear rams and the blind/shear rams in the event of an inadvertent or emergency disconnect of the LMRP or loss of both hydraulic and electrical supply from the surface control system.

In the event that the intervention systems for the subsea BOP's fail, LLOG will initiate call out of a secondary containment / surface intervention system supported by the Helix Well Containment Group (HWCG) of which LLOG is a member. This system incorporates a capping stack capable of being



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deployed from the back of a vessel of opportunity equipped with an ROV or from the Helix Q4000 DP MODU. Based on the potential integrity concerns of the well, a “cap and flow” system can be deployed which may include the HWCG single vessel solution utilizing the PTS processing module capable of handling up to 130,000 BOPD flowback. The vertical intervention work is contingent upon the condition of the blowing out well and what equipment is intact to access the wellbore for kill or containment operations. The available intervention equipment may also require modifications based on actual wellbore conditions. Standard equipment is available through the Helix Deepwater Containment System to fit the wellhead and BOP stack profiles used for the drilling of the above mentioned well.

**G) Availability of rig to drill relief well, rig constraints and timing of rigs**

LLOG currently has one deepwater MODU under contract (Seadrill West Neptune DP drillship). In the event of a blowout scenario that does not involve loss or damage to the rig such as an inadvertent disconnect of the BOP’s, then the existing contracted rig may be available for drilling the relief well and vertical intervention work. If the blowout scenario involves damage to the rig or loss of the BOP’s and riser, a replacement rig or rigs will be required.

With the current activity level in the GOM, 20 deepwater MODU’S are potentially available to support the relief well drilling operations. Rig share and resource sharing agreements are in place between members of the Helix Well Containment Group. The ability to negotiate and contract an appropriate rig or rigs to drill relief wells is highly probable in a short period of time. If the rig or rigs are operating, the time to properly secure the well and move the rig to the relief well site location is estimated to be about 14 to 21 days. Dynamically positioned (DP) MODU’s would be the preferred option due to the logistical advantage versus a moored MODU which may add complications due to the mooring spread.

**VESSELS OF OPPORTUNITY**

Based on the water depth restrictions for the proposed locations the following “Vessels of Opportunity” are presently available for utilization for intervention and containment and relief well operations. These may include service vessels and drilling rigs capable of working in the potential water depths and may include moored vessels and dynamically positioned vessels. The specific conditions of the intervention or relief well operations will dictate the “best fit” vessel to efficiently perform the desired results based on the blowout scenario. The list included below illustrates specific option that may vary according to the actual timing / availability at the time the vessels are needed.

<b>OPERATION</b>	<b>SPECIFIC VESSEL OF OPPORTUNITY</b>
<b>Intervention and Containment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helix Q4000 (DP Semi)</li> <li>• HWCG PTS Well Test Skid (Single Vessel Solution)</li> </ul>
<b>Relief Well Drilling Rigs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seadrill West Neptune (DP Drillship)</li> <li>• Sevan LA (DP Semi)</li> <li>• Ensco 8500 or similar (DP Semi)</li> <li>• Rowan Resolute (DP Drillship)</li> </ul>
<b>ROV / Multi-Purpose Service Vessels</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oceaneering (numerous DP ROV vessels)</li> <li>• HOS Achiever, Iron Horse 1 and 2 (DP MPSV)</li> <li>• Helix Pipe Lay Vessel (equipped w/ 6” PL – 75,000’)</li> <li>• Other ROV Vessels – (Chouest, HOS, Fugro, Subsea 7)</li> </ul>
<b>Shuttle Tanker / Barge Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OSG Ship Management</li> </ul>

## **H) Measures taken to enhance ability to prevent blowout**

Pursuant to BOEM-2010-034 Final Interim Rules, measures to enhance the ability to prevent or reduce the likelihood of a blowout are largely based on proper planning and communication, identification of potential hazards, training and experience of personnel, use of good oil field practices and proper equipment that is properly maintained and inspected for executing drilling operations of the proposed well or wells to be drilled.

When planning and designing the well, ample time is spent analyzing offset data, performing any needed earth modeling and identifying any potential drilling hazards or well specific conditions to safeguard the safety of the crews when well construction operations are underway. Once the design criteria and well design is established, the well design is modeled for the lifecycle of the wellbore to ensure potential failure modes are eliminated. Pursuant to BOEM-2010-0034 Interim Final Rules implemented additional considerations of a minimum of 2 independent barriers for both internal and external flow paths in addition to proper positive and negative testing of the barriers.

The proper training of crew members and awareness to identify and handle well control event is the best way prevent a blowout incident. Contractor's personnel and service personnel training requirements are verified per regulatory requirements per guidelines issued in BOEM-2010-034 Interim Final Rules. Drills are performed frequently to verify crew training and improve reaction times.

Good communication between rig personnel, office support personnel is critical to the success of the operations. Pre-spud meetings are conducted with rig crews and service providers to discuss, inform and as needed improve operations and well plans for safety and efficiency considerations. Daily meetings are conducted to discuss planning and potential hazards to ensure state of preparedness and behavior is enforced to create an informed and safe culture for the operations. Any changes in the planning and initial wellbore design is incorporated and communicated in a Management of Change (MOC) process to ensure continuity for all personnel.

Use of established good oil field practices that safeguard crews and equipment are integrated to incorporate LLOG's, the contractor and service provider policies.

Additional personnel and equipment will be used as needed to elevate awareness and provide real time monitoring of well conditions while drilling such as MWD/LWD/PWD tools used in the bottom hole assemblies. The tool configuration for each open hole section varies to optimize information gathered including the use of Formation-Pressure-While-Drilling (FPWD) tools to establish real time formation pressures and to be used to calibrates pore pressure models while drilling. Log information and pressure data is used by the drilling engineers, geologist, and pore pressure engineers to maintain well control and reduced potential events such as well control events and loss circulation events.

Mud loggers continuously monitor return drilling fluids, drill gas levels and cuttings as well as surface mud volumes and flow rates, rate of penetration and lithology/paleo to aid in understanding trends and geology being drilled. Remote monitoring of real time drilling parameters and evaluation of geologic markers and pore pressure indicators is used to identify potential well condition changes.

Proper equipment maintenance and inspection program for same to before the equipment is required. Programmed equipment inspections and maintenance will be performed to ensure the equipment operability and condition. Operations will cease as needed in order to ensure equipment and well conditions are maintained and controlled for the safety of personnel, rig and subsurface equipment and the environment.

**I) Measures to conduct effective and early intervention in the event of a blowout**

In conjunction with the LLOG Exploration’s “Well Control Emergency Response Plan” and as required by NTL 2010-N06, the following is provided to demonstrate the potential time needed for performing secondary intervention and drilling of a relief well to handle potential worst case discharge for the proposed prospect. Specific plans are integrated into the Helix Well Containment Groups procures to be approved and submitted with the Application for Permit to Drill. Equipment availability, backup equipment and adaptability to the potential scenarios will need to be addressed based on the initial site assessment of the seafloor conditions for intervention operations. Relief well equipment such as backup wellhead equipment and tubulars will be available in LLOG’s inventory for immediate deployment as needed to address drilling the relief well(s).

**SITE SPECIFIC PROPOSED RELIEF WELL AND INTERVENTION PLANNING**

No platform was considered for drilling relief wells for this location due to location, water depth and lack of appropriate platform within the area. For this reason, a moored or DP MODU will be preferred / required.

Relief well sites have been initially identified to address blowout scenarios for the potential geologic targets for the proposed well. A total of **3** relief well surface locations in GC 953 are proposed for locations A and A-alt. Based on actual seafloor state unforeseen at this time, the final location(s) may need to be revised. The locations have been selected based on proximity to the targets sands and potential shallow hazards.

<b>Proposed EP Well</b>	<b>Proposed Relief Well</b>	<b>X (NAD 27)</b>	<b>Y (NAD 27)</b>
<b>GC 953 “A &amp; A-alt” OCS-G 36062</b>	GC 953 RW1 Relief Well #1	2,450,360.00’	9,811,480.00’
	GC 953 RW2 Relief Well #2	2,448,162.00’	9,809,086.00’
	GC 953 RW3 Relief Well #3	2,448,528.00’	9,806,982.00’



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**RELIEF WELL RESPONSE TIME ESTIMATE**

OPERATION	TIME ESTIMATE (DAYS)
<b>IMMEDIATE RESPONSE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• safeguard personnel, render first-aid</li> <li>• make initial notifications</li> <li>• implement short term intervention (if possible)</li> <li>• implement spill control</li> <li>• develop Initial Action Plan</li> </ul>	1
<b>INTERIM REPSONSE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• establish Onsite Command Center and Emergency Management Team</li> <li>• assess well control issues</li> <li>• mobilize people and equipment (Helix DW Containment System)</li> <li>• implement short term intervention and containment (if possible)</li> <li>• develop Intervention Plan</li> <li>• initiate relief well planning</li> <li>• continue spill control measures</li> </ul>	4
<b>INTERVENTION AND CONTAIMENT OPERATIONS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mobilize equipment and initiate intervention and containment operations</li> <li>• perform TA operations and mobilize relief wells rig(s)</li> <li>• finalize relief well plans, mobilize spud equipment, receive approvals</li> <li>• continue spill control measures</li> </ul>	14
<b>RELIEF WELL(S) OPERATIONS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• continue intervention and containment measures</li> <li>• continue spill control measures</li> <li>• drill relief well (s)</li> </ul>	45
<b>PERFORM HYDRAULIC KILL OPERATIONS / SECURE BLOWNOUT WELL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• continue intervention and containment measures</li> <li>• continue spill control measures</li> <li>• perform hydraulic kill operations, monitor well, secure well</li> </ul>	14
<b>ESTIMATED TOTAL DAYS OF UNCONTROLLED FLOW</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>SECURE RELIELF WELL(S) / PERFORM P&amp;A / TA OPERATIONS / DEMOBE</b>	30
<b>TOTAL DAYS</b>	<b>108</b>

***APPENDIX C***  
**GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL INFORMATION**  
**(30 CFR Part 550.214 and 550.244)**

**A. Geological Description**

Included as *Attachment C-1* are the geological targets and a narrative of trapping features proposed in this Plan.

**B. Structure Contour Maps**

Included as *Attachment C-2* are current structure maps (depth base and expressed in feet subsea) depicting the entire lease coverage area; drawn on top of the prospective hydrocarbon sands. The maps depict each proposed bottom hole location and applicable geological cross section.

**C. Interpreted Seismic Lines**

Included as *Attachment C-3* is a copy of the migrated and annotated (shot points, timelines, well paths) deep seismic line within 500 feet of the surface location being proposed in this Plan.

**D. Geological Structure Cross-Sections**

An interpreted geological cross section depicting the proposed well locations and depth of the proposed wells is included as *Attachment C-4*. Such cross section corresponds to each seismic line being submitted.

**E. Shallow Hazards Report**

A Shallow Hazards Assessment for Block 953, Green Canyon Area was prepared by Echo Offshore, LLC dated August 15, 2019 which was submitted to BOEM by separate letter dated August 15, 2019.

**F. Shallow Hazards Assessment**

Utilizing the 3D deep seismic exploration data a shallow hazards analysis was prepared for the proposed surface locations, evaluating seafloor and subsurface geologic and manmade features and conditions, and is included as *Attachment C-5*.

**G. High Resolution Seismic Lines**

LLOG did not run 3-D seismic for this prospect.

**H. Stratigraphic Column**

A generalized biostratigraphic/lithostratigraphic column from the seafloor to the total depth of the proposed wells is included as *Attachment C-6*.

**I. Time vs Depth Tables**

LLOG has determined that there is existing sufficient well control data for the target areas proposed in this Plan; therefore, tables providing seismic time versus depth for the proposed well locations are not required.



# **Geological Description**

## **Attachment C-1 (Proprietary Information)**

# **Structure Maps**

## **Attachment C-2 (Proprietary Information)**

# **Deep Seismic Lines**

## **Attachment C-3 (Proprietary Information)**

# **Cross Section Maps**

## **Attachment C-4 (Proprietary Information)**

# **Shallow Hazards Assessment**

## **Attachment C-5 (Public Information)**

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## Wellsite Discussion

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Green Canyon Area

Proposed Well GC 953-A

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## Shallow Hazards Assessment for the Proposed Well

This section contains an assessment of the shallow hazards and tophole prognoses for a proposed exploration well and a contingent re-spud location in the Subsurface Study Area ([Figures W-1 through W-4](#)). The seafloor and shallow geologic conditions are assessed to be essentially identical between the primary exploration wellsite and its contingent re-spud location. Therefore, a wellsite assessment and tophole prognosis are presented for the proposed well only.

The wellsite assessment considers the conditions within a 500-ft radius from the seafloor to the top of salt at 3,800 ft BML (8,801 ft BSL). The seafloor benthic communities assessment considers surface conditions at the proposed well location and have been described in [Section 2](#). The archaeological assessment considers surface conditions and is presented under separate cover by Echo Offshore, LLC (Echo, 2019).

### Tophole Prognosis Criteria

The following sections specify the criteria used to develop the tophole prognosis for the proposed well. The assessment is based on the evaluation of 3-D seismic data. The tophole assessment is restricted to the specific proposed well location.

**Gas Hydrates.** The base of the estimated gas hydrate stability zone (BGHSZ) is calculated based on Maekawa et al. (1995) or an identifiable bottom-simulating reflector. The potential for solid gas hydrates was evaluated for the proposed well. The criteria include:

- Is water depth conducive for gas hydrate formation?
- What is the estimated depth to the base of the gas hydrate stability zone (BGHSZ) at the proposed well?
- Is a bottom-simulating reflector (BSR) present between the seafloor and BGHSZ?
- Is a BSR present within 500 ft of the proposed well?
- Does the proposed well intersect a BSR?
- Have gas hydrates been identified in the region of the proposed well?

#### HIGH

The wellsite conditions meet ALL of the above stated criteria, and correlates to an existing well that encountered gas hydrates.

#### MODERATE

The wellsite conditions meet SEVERAL of the above stated criteria. There is no direct evidence of gas hydrates at nearby wells.

#### LOW

The wellsite conditions meet SOME of the above stated criteria, and does not correlate to nearby wells.

#### NEGLIGIBLE

The wellsite conditions meet FEW to NONE of the above stated criteria, and there is no evidence of gas hydrates at nearby wells.



**Shallow Gas.** The potential for shallow gas was evaluated for the proposed well. The criteria used to evaluate the proposed well include:

- Does an anomalous amplitude event exist in proximity of the proposed well, and is there evidence for connectivity to the proposed wellbore?
- Is there supporting geophysical evidence for shallow gas associated with the anomalous amplitude?
- Is there an anomalous amplitude within a sequence that may be sand-prone?
- Is there evidence of migration of fluid (including hydrocarbons) from depth, such as along a fault plane?
- Does the sequence correlate to other wells within the area that encountered shallow gas?
- Is the proposed well located in a frontier area with little or no offset well control?

**HIGH**

The amplitude event meets ALL of the above stated criteria, or correlates to an existing well that encountered shallow gas.

**MODERATE**

The amplitude event meets SEVERAL of the above stated criteria. There is no direct evidence of shallow gas from nearby wells.

**LOW**

The amplitude event meets SOME of the above stated criteria, and does not correlate to nearby wells.

**NEGLIGIBLE**

The amplitude event meets FEW to NONE of the above stated criteria, and there is no evidence of shallow gas from nearby wells.

**Shallow Water Flow.** The potential for shallow water flow (SWF) was assessed for the proposed well. The potential for SWF is based on the following criteria:

- Does the stratigraphic unit correlate to a regional sand-prone sequence?
- Was the area subject to high Pleistocene sedimentation rates and rapid overburden deposition?
- Is the sequence composed of high-amplitude, chaotic reflectors indicative of sand?
- Is there a potential seal (perhaps clay-prone) above the sand-prone sequence?
- Does the sequence correlate to other wells within the area that encountered SWF?
- If there are no existing wells in the area with reported SWF, is the proposed well located in a frontier area with little or no offset well control?

**HIGH**

The stratigraphic unit meets ALL of the above stated criteria, or correlates to an existing well that encountered SWF.

**MODERATE**

The stratigraphic unit meets SEVERAL of the above stated criteria. There is no direct evidence of SWF from nearby wells.

**LOW**

The stratigraphic unit meets SOME of the above stated criteria, and does not correlate to nearby wells.

**NEGLIGIBLE**

The stratigraphic unit meets FEW to NONE of the above stated criteria, and there is no evidence of SWF from nearby wells.

## Proposed Well GC 953-A

The following is a discussion of Proposed Well GC 953-A and twinned location Proposed Well GC 953-Alt-A, with surface locations in the southeast portion of GC 953. Proposed Well GC 953-Alt-A is located 50 ft west of Proposed Well GC 953-A with the same well path and is intended to be used as an alternate drilling location. Seafloor and subsurface conditions at the primary and twinned well are approximately equivalent.

The water depth at Proposed Well GC 953-A is 5,001 ft below sea level (BSL; [Map W-1](#)). The proposed well is within a relatively smooth seafloor that slopes to the west at about 0.7°. The proposed location provided by LLOG is as follows:

**Table W-1. Location information for Proposed Well GC 953-A**

NAD27 UTM Zone 15 North, US Survey ft		Geographic Coordinates	
X	Y	Latitude	Longitude
2,451,205	9,808,200	27° 00' 27.216" N	90° 30' 34.228" W
Block Calls (GC 953)		3-D Seismic Line Reference	
		Line	Trace
3,995' FEL	3,240' FSL	7441	33352

## Twinned Location

Proposed Well GC 953-Alt-A is 50 ft west from the Proposed Well GC 953-A. No separate illustrations of the subsurface conditions were prepared. The proposed alternate drilling location is as follows:

**Table W-2. Location and block calls for Proposed Twinned Well GC 953-Alt-A**

NAD27 UTM Zone 15 North, US Survey ft		Geographic Coordinates	
X	Y	Latitude	Longitude
2,451,155	9,808,200	27° 00' 27.226" N	90° 30' 34.780" W
Block Calls (GC 953)			
4,045' FEL	3,240' FSL		

### Power Spectrum Analysis

The power spectrum for the proposed well was derived through the use of IHS Kingdom Suite's Trace Calculator tools. The frequency content within the upper one second below the seafloor is of sufficient quality for shallow hazards analysis.

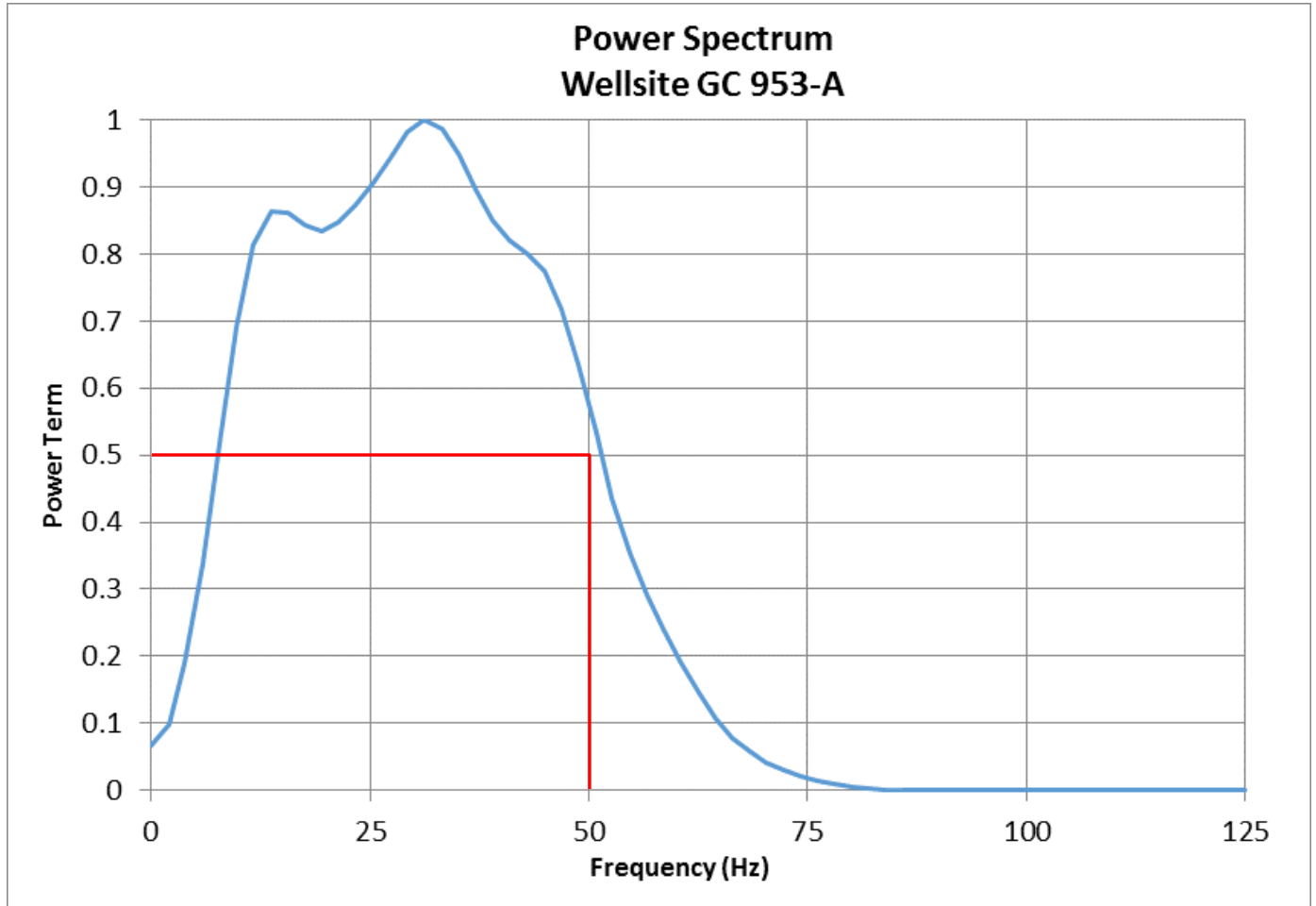


Figure W-1. Power spectrum for Proposed Well GC 953-A

## **Seafloor Conditions**

The following paragraphs summarize the seafloor morphology and benthic communities potential at the proposed well location.

**Seafloor Morphology.** Proposed Well GC 953-A is located in the southeastern quadrant of GC 953. Water depths within the vicinity of the proposed well range from 4,889 to 5,189 ft BSL ([Map W-1](#)).

The proposed well is in an area of a generally smooth and featureless seafloor ([Figure W-2](#)). There are no seafloor faults present at the proposed location ([Figure W-2](#) and [Map 3](#)).

**No seafloor faults are within 2,000 ft of Proposed Well GC 953-A.**

**Benthic Communities Assessment.** No high-density benthic communities or confirmed organisms are reported within 2,000 ft of the proposed well location. There are no seafloor amplitude anomalies or BOEM seep anomalies located within 2,000 ft of the proposed well location ([Map 4](#) and [Map 5](#)). The nearest area interpreted to potentially support high-density benthic communities occurs 3,000 ft northeast of the proposed well location. This area consists of possible hardgrounds corresponding to BOEM “seep anomaly mud volcanoes”.

**Features or areas that could support high-density chemosynthetic or other benthic communities are not anticipated within 2,000 ft of Proposed Well GC 953-A.**

**Infrastructure.** Pursuant to the public information in the BOEM database (2019a) there is no existing infrastructure within 2,000 ft of the proposed well location ([Figure W-2](#); [Map 1](#)). The nearest infrastructure is an existing well located 1.9 miles west-northwest of the proposed well location in GC 953.

**No infrastructure is located within 2,000 ft of Proposed Well GC 953-A.**

**Archaeologic Assessment.** Pursuant to the public information in the NOAA Automated Wreck and Obstruction Information System and Navigational Charts (NOAA, 2019); there are no reported shipwrecks within 2,000 ft of the proposed well. For avoidances and sonar contacts please refer to the Echo AUV Archaeological Investigation (Echo, 2019).

There is no evidence of man-made features from the 3-D seismic data; however, man-made features and other seafloor conditions may exist that are not detectable within the resolution limits of the 3-D seismic data used for this assessment.

**For details about sonar contacts and avoidances within 2,000 ft of the proposed well please refer to the Echo AUV Archeological Investigation (Echo, 2019).**

## Wellsite Assessment

The *wellsite assessment* covers the subsurface conditions within a 500-ft radius of the proposed wellpath from the seafloor to the top of salt at 3,858 ft BML (8,859-ft BSL).

**Stratigraphy and Tophole Prognosis.** Four marker horizons (Horizons 10, 20, 30, and 40) and the top of salt were interpreted at Proposed Well GC 953-A. A generalized description of the stratigraphic sequences can be found in Section 1.4 of this report. The following is an assessment of the conditions that will be encountered directly below the planned surface location.

Seafloor Faults. The wellbore at the Proposed Well GC 953-A will not penetrate any apparent seafloor faults within the investigation limit ([Figures W-3](#) and [W-4](#)).

**There are no active seafloor faults within 500 ft of the proposed wellbore and the wellbore will not penetrate any active seafloor faults.**

Seafloor to Horizon 10. Utilizing the nearest subbottom profiler (SBP) image provided by Echo, the proposed wellbore will penetrate ~13 ft of hemipelagic clay drape, then ~10 ft of stacked MTDs consisting of clay and silts, and ~137 ft of stratified clays and silts with occasional thin clay-rich MTDs ([Figure W-3](#)). The stratified clays and silts grade into MTDs to the penetration limit of the SBP data at ~160 ft BML. On the 3-D seismic data, these MTDs appear as parallel and continuous reflectors which extend down to Horizon 10 at a depth of 259 ft BML ([Figure W-4](#); [Map 6](#)).

There is a *Low* potential for gas hydrates, a *Negligible* potential for shallow gas, and a *Negligible* potential for SWF within this sequence.

Horizon 10 to Horizon 20. Sediments within this sequence comprise of two sub-units consisting of low-amplitude, stratified reflectors overlying low to moderate-amplitude, parallel and continuous to hummocky reflectors. These are interpreted to represent an upper 210 ft thick sub-unit of fine-grained bedded turbidites overlying a lower 267 ft thick sub-unit of clay-rich bedded turbidites and debris flows with thin silts and possible sands. The interface between the sub-units occurs at 469 ft BML. The overall sequence is 477 ft thick and Horizon 20 is expected to be encountered at 736 ft BML ([Figure W-4](#)).

There is a *Low* potential for gas hydrates, a *Negligible* potential for shallow gas, and a *Negligible* potential for SWF within this sequence.

Horizon 20 to Horizon 30. Sediments within this sequence consist of parallel and continuous, low-to moderate-amplitude reflectors interpreted to represent stratified silt and clay turbidites ([Figure W-4](#)). This sequence is 630 ft thick, and Horizon 30 is encountered at 1,366 ft BML ([Figure W-4](#)).

There is a *Low* potential for gas hydrates, a *Negligible* potential for shallow gas, and a *Negligible* potential for SWF within this sequence.

Horizon 30 to Horizon 40. The sequence between Horizon 30 and Horizon 40 at the proposed well location consists of an upper sub-unit of low- to moderate-amplitude, continuous to discontinuous reflectors overlying a lower sub-unit of moderate-amplitude discontinuous reflectors interpreted to represent fine-grained debris flows and other mass transport deposits ([Figure W-4](#)). The sediments are expected to be clay and silt dominated with thin sand intervals. An unconformable, moderate-amplitude,

and discontinuous reflector marks the interface between the sub-units at 2,101 ft BML. The overall sequence is 1,122 ft thick and Horizon 40 is expected to be at 2,488 ft BML

The theoretical base of the gas hydrate stability zone (BGHSZ) occurs within this sequence at 1,600 ft BML ([Figure W-4](#)).

The well bore is expected to intersect a buried fault at 2,348 ft BML. This fault trends northwest-southeast and dips northeast. Amplitude anomalies occur along this and adjacent fault planes and are considered to indicate hydrocarbons that have migrated up the faults and become trapped in coarse-grained deposits.

There is a **Low** potential for gas hydrates within this sequence from Horizon 30 (1,366 ft BML) to the BGHSZ (1,600 ft BML), and a **Negligible** potential for gas hydrate from the BGHSZ (1,600 ft BML) to Horizon 40 (2,488 ft BML).

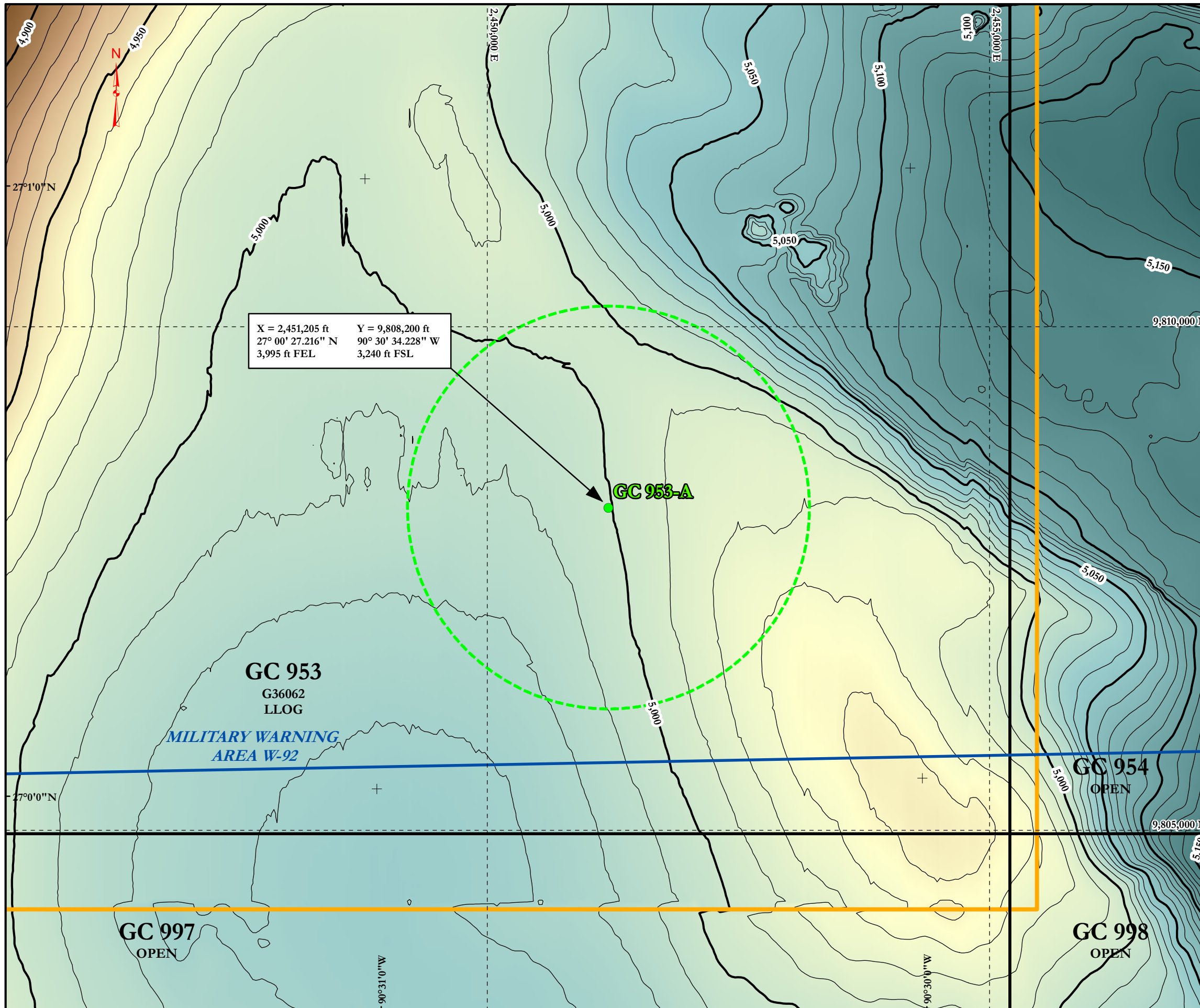
This sequence is assessed a **Low** potential for shallow gas and a **Low** potential for SWF from Horizon 30 (1,366 ft BML) to the interface at 2,101 ft BML. A **Moderate** potential for shallow gas and a **Moderate** potential for SWF are assessed from the interface at 2,101 ft BML to Horizon 40 (2,488 ft BML) within this sequence.

Horizon 40 to Top of Salt. The sequence between Horizon 40 and Top of Salt consists of low-amplitude, discontinuous to chaotic reflectors interpreted as a rafted interval of fine-grained sediments that have been deformed by salt movement ([Figure W-4](#)). This sequence is 1,312 ft thick, and the Top of Salt is expected at 3,800 ft BML.

There is a **Negligible** potential for gas hydrates, a **Negligible** potential for shallow gas, and a **Low** potential for SWF within this sequence.

Subsurface Faults. A vertical wellbore at Proposed Well GC 953-A will penetrate a buried fault at 2,348 ft BML.





**Legend**

- + Lat/Long Grid Points
- - - - UTM Northing and Easting Grid Lines
- Military Warning Area W-92
- AUV Survey Area
- Proposed Well
- 2,000-ft Radius Circle
- 10-ft Contours
- 50-ft Contours

**Depths (Below Sea Level)**

4,889 ft  
5,189 ft

**Grid Information:**  
 Data Source: AUV Multibeam  
 Method: Kriging  
 Spacing: 10 ft  
 Search Radius: 30 ft

**\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\***  
 This map is not intended for navigation purposes.  
 Public information obtained from BOEM database (August 2019).

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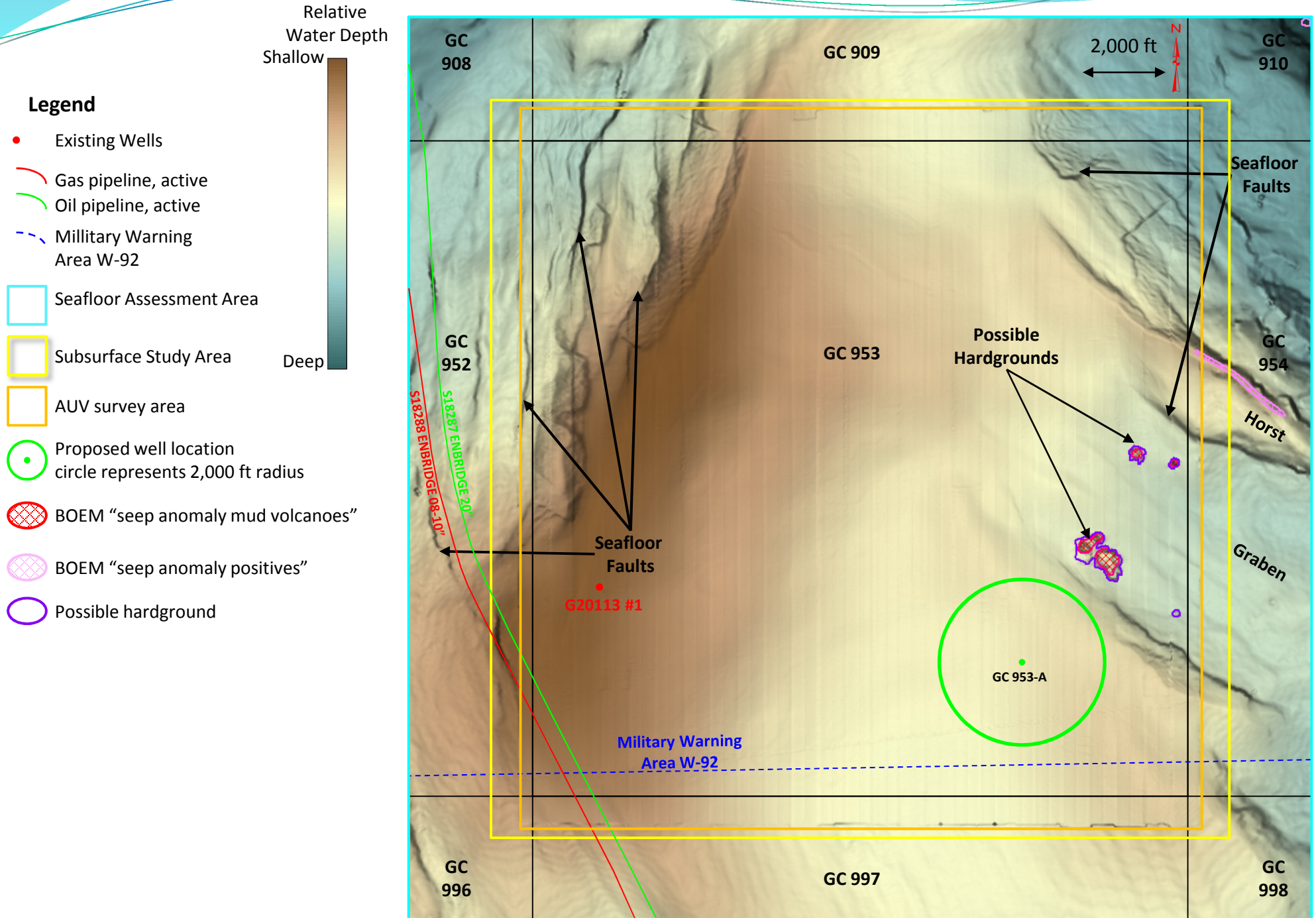
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**Block 953**  
Green Canyon Area  
Gulf of Mexico

**Map W-1**  
Bathymetry  
Proposed Well GC 953-A  
Lease No. G36062

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**B-geo**



Seafloor rendering showing proposed well location

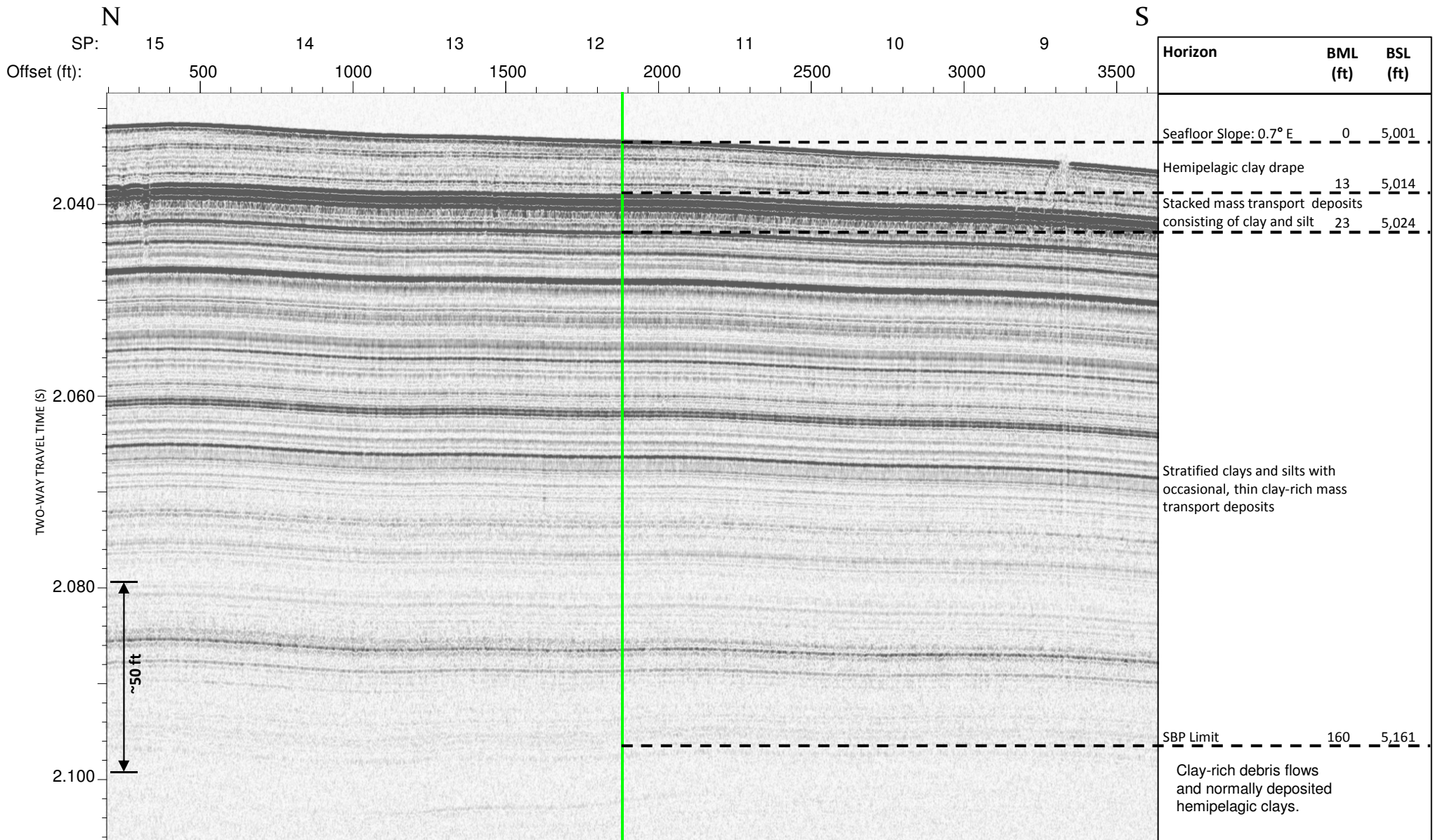


(+) Envelope (0)

X = 2,451,205'  
Y = 9,808,200'

GC 953-A

\*Note: The subbottom profiler Line 19 is ~40 ft west of GC 953-A



X = 2,451,205'  
Y = 9,808,200'

**Legend**

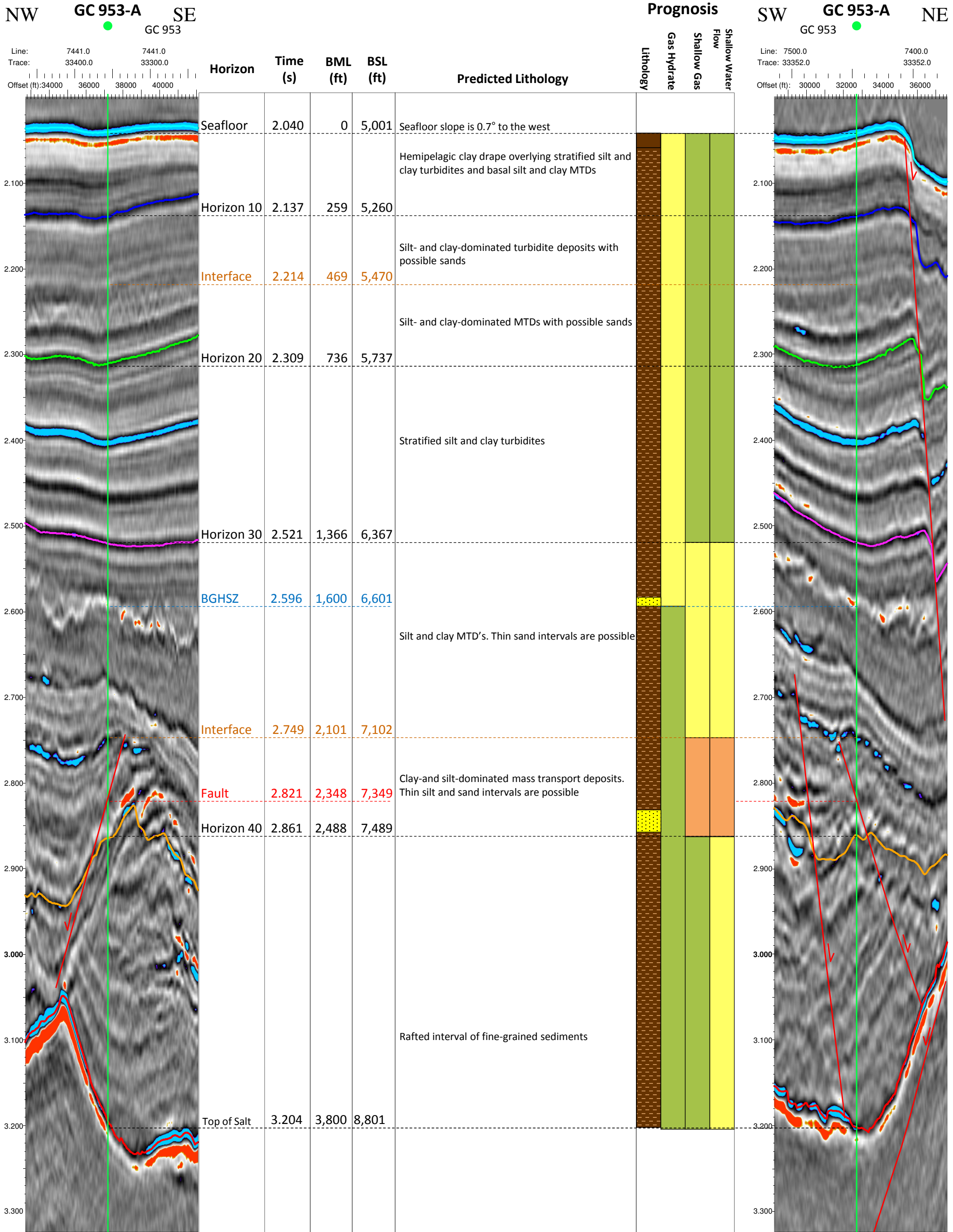
- Mass Transport Deposit – MTD
- Base of Gas Hydrate
- Stability Zone – BGHSZ

**Lithology**

- Clay
- Clay & Silt
- Silt & Sand
- Sand

**Potential Ranking**

- High
- Moderate
- Low
- Negligible



Seismic sections with tophole prognosis for Proposed Well GC 953-A



# **Stratigraphic Column**

## **Attachment C-6 (Proprietary Information)**

**APPENDIX D**  
**HYDROGEN SULFIDE (H<sub>2</sub>S) INFORMATION**  
**(30 CFR Part 550.215 and 550.245)**

**A. Concentration**

LLOG does not anticipate encountering H<sub>2</sub>S while conducting the proposed exploratory operations provided for under this plan.

**B. Classification**

In accordance with 30 CFR 250.490 (c) and NTL No. 2009-G31 “Hydrogen Sulfide,” LLOG requests that the proposed locations be classified H<sub>2</sub>S absent. The basis for this determination is the evaluation of the absence of H<sub>2</sub>S in BHP’s Green Canyon Block 953 #1 well, 22,277’ MD / 22,276’ TVD.

**C. H<sub>2</sub>S Contingency Plan**

Not applicable for the proposed operations.

**D. Modeling Report**

Not applicable to the proposed operations.

***APPENDIX E***  
**BIOLOGICAL, PHYSICAL AND SOCIOECONOMIC INFORMATION**  
**(30 CFR Part 550.216 and 550.247)**

**A. High-Density Deepwater Benthic Communities Information**

BOEM and BSEE have not reported the existence of high-density deepwater benthic communities with Federal lease Blocks KC 953 (MMS, 2010). There are not BOEM water bottom anomalies with 2,000' radius of the proposed surface location (BOEM, 2019b).

**No seafloor faults are within 2,000' of Proposed Well GC 953 A.**

**B. Topographic Features Map**

The activities proposed in this Plan are not affected by a topographic feature.

**C. Topographic Features Statement (Shunting)**

The activities proposed in this Plan are not affected by a topographic feature; therefore, LLOG is not required to shunt drill cuttings and drill fluids.

**D. Live Bottoms (Pinnacle Trend) Map**

Green Canyon Block 953 is not located within the vicinity of a proposed live bottom (Pinnacle trend) area.

**E. Live Bottoms (Low Relief) Map**

Green Canyon Block 953 is not located within the vicinity of a proposed live bottom (Low Relief) area.

**F. Potentially Sensitive Biological Features Map**

Green Canyon Block 953 is not located within the vicinity of a proposed sensitive biological feature area.

**G. Threatened or Endangered Species, Critical Habitat, and Marine Mammal Information.**

Proposed activities in **Green Canyon Blocks 953** is not located in a critical habitat designated under ESA and marine mammals protected under the MMPA although federally protected marine mammals are always anticipated. LLOG will mitigate impact through compliance with BOEM NTL 2016-G01, G02 and NTL 2015 BSEE-G03. See *Attachment E-1* for a list of the NOAA Species known in the Gulf of Mexico. In the event federally listed species become present on Green Canyon Block 953, LLOG will mitigate impact through compliance with BOEM NTL 2016-G01, G02, NTL 2015 BSEE-G03 and the Biological Opinion of the Endangered Species Act Section 7. See Attachment E-1 for a list of the NOAA Species known in the Gulf of Mexico. Moon pool daily observation log shall be maintained on the bridge. The deck supervisor on tour shall go to the bridge and log time, date, and results of each moon pool inspection. STOP WORK AUTHORITY shall be used and implemented, in a safe and timely manner, for any work that could affect marine life listed on the Endangered Species Act.

**H. Archaeological Information**

Pursuant to the public information in the NOAA Automated Wreck and Obstruction Information System and Navigational Charts (NOAA, 2019); there are no reported shipwrecks within 2,000 ft of the proposed well. For avoidances and sonar contacts please refer to the Echo AUV Archaeological Investigation (Echo, 2019); no shipwrecks are reported within GC 953.

A Shallow Hazards and Archaeological Assessment for Block 953, Green Canyon Area was prepared by Berger Geosciences, LLC August, 2019 which was submitted to BOEM by separate letter.

**I. Air and Water Quality Information**

Not applicable to proposed operations.

**J. Socioeconomic Information**

Not applicable to proposed operations.

# **NOAA Species Known in GOM**

## **Attachment E-1 (Public Information)**

## Endangered Species List Common to the Gulf of Mexico

Geophysical surveys, including the use of airguns and airgun arrays, may have an impact on marine wildlife. Many marine species are protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and all marine mammals (including manatees) are protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). The following Gulf of Mexico species are listed under the ESA:

Gulf of Mexico Bryde's Whale ( <i>Balaenoptera edeni</i> )
Sperm Whale ( <i>Physeter macrocephalus</i> )
Green Turtle ( <i>Chelonia mydas</i> ) – North Atlantic DPS and South Atlantic DPS
Hawksbill Turtle ( <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> )
Kemp's Ridley Turtle ( <i>Lepidochelys kempii</i> )
Leatherback Turtle ( <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> ) - Northwest Atlantic
Loggerhead Turtle ( <i>Caretta caretta</i> ) – Northwest Atlantic Ocean DPS
Gulf Sturgeon ( <i>Acipenser oxyrinchus desotoi</i> )
Oceanic Whitetip Shark ( <i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i> )
Giant Manta Ray ( <i>Manta birostris</i> )
West Indian Manatee ( <i>Trichechus manatus</i> )*

Note that this list can change as other species are listed/delisted, and this protocol shall be applied to any ESA protected species (and all marine mammals) that occur in the Gulf of Mexico, including rare and extralimital species.

LLOG's proposed operations in this plan will not impact the critical habitats of the marine species listed in the Endangered Species Act.

\*Managed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service



*APPENDIX F*  
**WASTE AND DISCHARGE INFORMATION**  
**(30 CFR PART 550.217 AND 550.248)**

**A. Projected Generated Wastes**

See the following tables:

**TABLE 1. Wastes you will generate, treat and downhole dispose or discharge to the GOM**

**TABLE 2. Wastes you will transport and /or dispose of onshore**

**B. Modeling**

Not applicable. Proposed activities will be covered by U.S. EPA NPDES General Permit.

**TABLE 1. WASTES YOU WILL GENERATE, TREAT AND DOWNHOLE DISPOSE OR DISPOSE OR DISCHARGE IN THE GOM**

please specify if the amount reported is a total or per well amount

GC 953

Projected generated waste			Projected ocean discharges		Downhole Disposal
Type of Waste	Composition	Projected Amount	Discharge rate	Discharge Method	Answer yes or no
<b>Will drilling occur ? If yes, fill in the muds and cuttings.</b>					
<i>EXAMPLE: Cuttings wetted with synthetic based fluid</i>	<i>Cuttings generated while using synthetic based drilling fluid.</i>	<i>X bbl/well</i>	<i>X bbl/day/well</i>	<i>discharge overboard</i>	<i>No</i>
Water-based drilling fluid	Water based mud additives, barite and gel used for WBM	104,708 bbls/well	7,635 bbls/day/well	Discharge overboard	No
Cuttings wetted with water-based fluid	Cuttings generated while using water based drilling fluid.	5,041 bbls/well	368 bbls/day/well	Discharge overboard	No
Cuttings wetted with synthetic-based fluid	Cuttings generated while using synthetic based drilling fluid.	1,867 bbls/well	102 bbls/day/well	Discharge overboard	No
<b>Will humans be there? If yes, expect conventional waste</b>					
<i>EXAMPLE: Sanitary waste water</i>	Sanitary waste from living quarters	X bbl/well	X bbl/hr/well	chlorinate and discharge overboard	No
Domestic waste	Misc waste for living quarters	12,750 bbls/well	3.1 bbls/hr/well	Discharge overboard (no free oil)	No
Sanitary waste	Processed sanitary waste from living quarters	8,500 bbls/well	2.1 bbls/hr/well	Chlorinate and discharge overboard	No
<b>Is there a deck? If yes, there will be Deck Drainage</b>					
Deck Drainage	Accumulated drainage due to rainfall	0 to 47,261 bbls/well	0 to 167 bbls/hr/well	Test for oil and grease and discharge overboard	No
<b>Will you conduct well treatment, completion, or workover?</b>					
Well treatment fluids	NPDES approved treatment fluid used for well operations	100 bbls/well	20 bbls/hr/well	Test for oil and grease and discharge overboard.	No
Well completion fluids	Clear brines used for completion operations	500 bbls/well	100 bbls/hr/well	Test for oil and grease and discharge overboard. This excludes clear brines containing Zinc	No
Workover fluids	N/A	N/A	NA	NA	No
<b>Miscellaneous discharges. If yes, only fill in those associated with your activity.</b>					
Desalinization unit discharge	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Blowout prevent fluid	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ballast water	Uncontaminated seawater used for ballast control	0 to 100,000 bbls/well	16,350 bbls/hr/well	Discharge overboard	No
Bilge water	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Excess cement at seafloor	Excess cement slurry and mixwater used for cementing operation - NPDES allowed	300 bbls/well	360 bbls/hr/well	Discharge at mudline	No
Fire water	Uncontaminated seawater used for fire control system	0 to 10,000 bbls/well	16,350 bbls/hr/well	Discharge overboard	No
Cooling water	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Will you produce hydrocarbons? If yes fill in for produced water.</b>					
Produced water	NA	NA	NA	NA	N/A
<b>Will you be covered by an individual or general NPDES permit ?</b>			GMG 290180		
			comply with the requirements of the NPDES permit.		

NOTE: If you will not have a type of waste, enter NA in the row.

**TABLE 2. WASTES YOU WILL TRANSPORT AND /OR DISPOSE OF ONSHORE**

Please specify whatever the amount reported is a total or per well					
GC 955	Projected generated waste	Solid and Liquid Wastes Transportation	Waste Disposal		
Type of Waste	Composition	Transport Method	Name/Location of Facility	Amount	Disposal Method
			Newport Environmental Services Inc., Ingleside, TX	X bbl/well	Recycled
Oil-based drilling fluid or mud	N/A	NA	N/A	NA	NA
Synthetic-based drilling fluid or mud	Internal oilfin, ester nbased mud	Barged in 25 bbls cutting boxes and / or liquid mud tanks for supply vessels	Newpark Transfer Station, Fourchon, LA	6750 bbls / well	Recycled
Cuttings wetted with Water-based fluid	N/A	NA	N/A	NA	NA
Cuttings wetted with Synthetic-based fluid	N/A	NA	N/A	NA	NA
Cuttings wetted with oil-based fluids	N/A	NA	N/A	NA	NA
<b>Will you produce hydrocarbons? If yes fill in for produced sand.</b>					
Produced sand					
<b>Will you have additional wastes that are not permitted for discharge? If</b>					
<i>EXAMPLE: trash and debris (recyclables)</i>	<i>Plastic, paper, aluminum</i>	<i>barged in a storage bin</i>	<i>ARC, New Iberia, LA</i>	<i>X lb/well</i>	<i>Recycled</i>
Trash and debris	Plastic, paper, aluminum	Barged in a storage bin	Blanchard Landfill, Golden Meadows, LA	4000 lbs / well	Recycled
Used oil	Spent oil from machinery	Barged in USCG approved transfer tote tanks.	L&L Services, Fourchon, LA	200 bbls / well	Recycled
Wash water	Wash water w/ SBM residue and surfactants	Barged in 25 bbls cutting boxes and / or liquid mud tanks for supply vessels	Newpark Transfer Station, Fourchon, LA	2000 bbls / well	Approved disposal well injection or land farm
Chemical product wastes	Spent treatment and / or damaged chemicals used in operations	Barged in 25 bbls cutting boxes and / or cutting boxes	L&L Services, Fourchon, LA	10 bbls / well	Recycled
NOTE: If you will not have a type of waste, enter NA in the row.					

**APPENDIX G**  
**AIR EMISSIONS INFORMATION**  
**(30 CFR PART 550.218 AND 550.249)**

**A. Emissions Worksheets and Screening Questions**

The Projected Quality Emissions Report (Form MMS-138) addresses the proposed drilling, completion and potential testing operations utilizing a typical drillship, with related support vessels and construction barge information.

As evidenced by *Attachment G-1*, the worksheets were completed based on the proposed flaring and burning operations.

<i>Screening Questions for EP's</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
Is any calculated Complete Total (CT) Emission amount (in tons associated with your proposed exploration activities more than 90% of the amounts calculated using the following formulas: $CT = 3400D (2/3)$ for CO, and $CT = 33.3D$ for the other air pollutants (where D = distance to shore in miles)?		X
Does your emission calculations include any emission reduction measures or modified emission factors?		X
Are your proposed exploration activities located east of 87.5 degrees W longitude?		X
Do you expect to encounter H <sup>2</sup> S at concentrations greater than 20 parts per million (ppm)?		X
Do you propose to flare or vent natural gas for more than 48 continuous hours from any proposed well?		X
Do you propose to burn produced hydrocarbon liquids?		X

**B. Emissions Reduction Measures**

The projected air emissions are within the exemption level; therefore, no emission reduction measures are being proposed.

**C. Verification of Nondefault Emissions Factors**

LLOG has elected to use the default emission factors as provided in *Attachment G-1*.

**D. Non-Exempt Activities**

The proposed activities are within the exemption amount as provided in *Attachment G-1*.

**E. Modeling Report**

This section of the Plan is not applicable to the proposed operations.

# **Air Quality Emissions Report**

## **Attachment G-1 (Public Information)**

EP - AIR QUALITY

OMB Control No. 1010-0151  
OMB Approval Expires: 08/31/2023

<b>COMPANY</b>	LLOG Exploration Offhsore, LLC
<b>AREA</b>	Green Canyon
<b>BLOCK</b>	953
<b>LEASE</b>	OCS-G-36062
<b>FACILITY</b>	
<b>WELL</b>	Location A and Alt A
<b>COMPANY CONTACT</b>	Susan Sachitana
<b>TELEPHONE NO.</b>	985-801-4300
<b>REMARKS</b>	Drill Ship - Drilling & Completion Operations

**AIR EMISSIONS COMPUTATION FACTORS**

Fuel Usage Conversion Factors		Natural Gas Turbines		Natural Gas Engines		Diesel Recip. Engine		Diesel Turbines					
		SCF/hp-hr	Green Canyon	SCF/hp-hr	7.143	GAL/hp-hr	0.0514	GAL/hp-hr	0.0514				
953													
Equipment/Emission Factors	units	OCS-G-36062	PM10	PM2.5	SOx	NOx	VOC	Pb	CO	NH3	REF.	DATE	Reference Links
Natural Gas Turbine	g/hp-hr		#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	N/A	#VALUE!	N/A	AP42 3.1-1& 3.1-2a	4/00	<a href="https://www3.epa.gov/ttrchie/1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s01.pdf">https://www3.epa.gov/ttrchie/1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s01.pdf</a>
RECIP. 2 Cycle Lean Natural Gas	g/hp-hr		0.1293	0.1293	0.0020	6.5998	0.4082	N/A	1.2009	N/A	AP42 3.2-1	7/00	<a href="https://www3.epa.gov/ttrchie/1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s02.pdf">https://www3.epa.gov/ttrchie/1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s02.pdf</a>
RECIP. 4 Cycle Lean Natural Gas	g/hp-hr		0.0002	0.0002	0.0020	2.8814	0.4014	N/A	1.8949	N/A	AP42 3.2-2	7/00	<a href="https://www3.epa.gov/ttrchie/1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s02.pdf">https://www3.epa.gov/ttrchie/1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s02.pdf</a>
RECIP. 4 Cycle Rich Natural Gas	g/hp-hr		0.0323	0.0323	0.0020	7.7224	0.1021	N/A	11.9408	N/A	AP42 3.2-3	7/00	<a href="https://www3.epa.gov/ttrchie/1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s02.pdf">https://www3.epa.gov/ttrchie/1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s02.pdf</a>
Diesel Recip. < 600 hp	g/hp-hr	1	1	1	0.0279	14.1	1.04	N/A	3.03	N/A	AP42 3.3-1	10/96	<a href="https://www3.epa.gov/ttrchie/1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s03.pdf">https://www3.epa.gov/ttrchie/1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s03.pdf</a>
Diesel Recip. > 600 hp	g/hp-hr	0.32	0.182	0.178	0.0055	10.9	0.29	N/A	2.5	N/A	AP42 3.4-1 & 3.4-2	10/96	<a href="https://www3.epa.gov/ttrchie/1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s04.pdf">https://www3.epa.gov/ttrchie/1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s04.pdf</a>
Diesel Boiler	lbs/bbl	0.0840	0.0420	0.0105	0.0089	1.0080	0.0084	5.14E-05	0.2100	0.0336	AP42 1.3-6; Pb and NH3: WebFIRE (08/2018)	9/98 and 5/10	<a href="https://cfpub.epa.gov/webfire/">https://cfpub.epa.gov/webfire/</a>
Diesel Turbine	g/hp-hr	0.0381	0.0137	0.0137	0.0048	2.7941	0.0013	4.45E-05	0.0105	N/A	AP42 3.1-1 & 3.1-2a	4/00	<a href="https://www3.epa.gov/ttrchie/1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s01.pdf">https://www3.epa.gov/ttrchie/1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s01.pdf</a>
Dual Fuel Turbine	g/hp-hr	0.0381	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	4.45E-05	#VALUE!	0.0000	AP42 3.1-1& 3.1-2a; AP42 3.1-1 & 3.1-2a	4/00	<a href="https://cfpub.epa.gov/webfire/">https://cfpub.epa.gov/webfire/</a>
Vessels – Propulsion	g/hp-hr	0.320	0.1931	0.1873	0.0047	7.6669	0.2204	2.24E-05	1.2025	0.0022	USEPA 2017 NEI/TSP refer to Diesel Recip. > 600 hp reference	3/19	
Vessels – Drilling Prime Engine, Auxiliary	g/hp-hr	0.320	0.1931	0.1873	0.0047	7.6669	0.2204	2.24E-05	1.2025	0.0022	USEPA 2017 NEI/TSP refer to Diesel Recip. > 600 hp reference	3/19	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-inventories/2017-national-emissions-inventory-nei-data">https://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-inventories/2017-national-emissions-inventory-nei-data</a>
Vessels – Diesel Boiler	g/hp-hr	0.0466	0.1491	0.1417	0.4400	1.4914	0.0820	3.73E-05	0.1491	0.0003	USEPA 2017 NEI/TSP (units converted) refer to Diesel Boiler Reference	3/19	
Vessels – Well Stimulation	g/hp-hr	0.320	0.1931	0.1873	0.0047	7.6669	0.2204	2.24E-05	1.2025	0.0022	USEPA 2017 NEI/TSP refer to Diesel Recip. > 600 hp reference	3/19	
Natural Gas Heater/Boiler/Burner	lbs/MMscf	7.60	1.90	1.90	0.60	190.00	5.50	5.00E-04	84.00	3.2	AP42 1.4-1 & 1.4-2; Pb and NH3: WebFIRE (08/2018)	7/98 and 8/18	<a href="https://www3.epa.gov/ttrchie/1/ap42/ch01/final/c01s04.pdf">https://www3.epa.gov/ttrchie/1/ap42/ch01/final/c01s04.pdf</a>
Combustion Flare (no smoke)	bs/MMscf	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.57	71.40	35.93	N/A	325.5	N/A	AP42 13.5-1, 13.5-2	2/18	
Combustion Flare (light smoke)	bs/MMscf	2.10	2.10	2.10	0.57	71.40	35.93	N/A	325.5	N/A	AP42 13.5-1, 13.5-2	2/18	<a href="https://www3.epa.gov/ttrchie/1/ap42/ch13/final/C13S05_02-05-18.pdf">https://www3.epa.gov/ttrchie/1/ap42/ch13/final/C13S05_02-05-18.pdf</a>
Combustion Flare (medium smoke)	bs/MMscf	10.50	10.50	10.50	0.57	71.40	35.93	N/A	325.5	N/A	AP42 13.5-1, 13.5-2	2/18	
Combustion Flare (heavy smoke)	bs/MMscf	21.00	21.00	21.00	0.57	71.40	35.93	N/A	325.5	N/A	AP42 13.5-1, 13.5-2	2/18	
Liquid Flaring	lbs/bbl	0.42	0.0966	0.0651	5.964	0.84	0.01428	5.14E-05	0.21	0.0336	AP42 1.3-1 through 1.3-3 and 1.3-5	5/10	<a href="https://www3.epa.gov/ttrchie/1/ap42/ch01/final/c01s01.pdf">https://www3.epa.gov/ttrchie/1/ap42/ch01/final/c01s01.pdf</a>
Storage Tank	tons/yr/tank						4.300				2014 Gulfwide Inventory; Avg emiss (upper bound of 95% CI)	2017	<a href="https://www.boem.gov/environment/environmental-studies/2014-gulfwide-emission-inventory">https://www.boem.gov/environment/environmental-studies/2014-gulfwide-emission-inventory</a>
Fugitives	lbs/hr/component						0.0005				API Study	12/93	<a href="https://www.api.org/">https://www.api.org/</a>
Glycol Dehydrator	tons/yr/dehydrator						19.240				2011 Gulfwide Inventory; Avg emiss (upper bound of 95% CI)	2014	<a href="https://www.boem.gov/environment/environmental-studies/2011-gulfwide-emission-inventory">https://www.boem.gov/environment/environmental-studies/2011-gulfwide-emission-inventory</a>
Cold Vent	tons/yr/vent						44.747				2014 Gulfwide Inventory; Avg emiss (upper bound of 95% CI)	2017	<a href="https://www.boem.gov/environment/environmental-studies/2014-gulfwide-emission-inventory">https://www.boem.gov/environment/environmental-studies/2014-gulfwide-emission-inventory</a>
Waste Incinerator	lb/ton		15.0	15.0	2.5	2.0	N/A	N/A	20.0	N/A	AP 42 2.1-12	10/96	<a href="https://www3.epa.gov/ttrchie/1/ap42/ch02/final/c02s01.pdf">https://www3.epa.gov/ttrchie/1/ap42/ch02/final/c02s01.pdf</a>
On-Ice – Loader	lbs/gal	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.040	0.604	0.049	N/A	0.130	0.003	USEPA NONROAD2008 model; TSP (units converted) refer to Diesel Recip. <600 reference	2009	
On-Ice – Other Construction Equipment	lbs/gal	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.040	0.604	0.049	N/A	0.130	0.003	USEPA NONROAD2008 model; TSP (units converted) refer to Diesel Recip. <600 reference	2009	
On-Ice – Other Survey Equipment	lbs/gal	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.040	0.604	0.049	N/A	0.130	0.003	USEPA NONROAD2008 model; TSP (units converted) refer to Diesel Recip. <600 reference	2009	
On-Ice – Tractor	lbs/gal	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.040	0.604	0.049	N/A	0.130	0.003	USEPA NONROAD2008 model; TSP (units converted) refer to Diesel Recip. <600 reference	2009	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/moves/nonroad2008a-installation-and-updates">https://www.epa.gov/moves/nonroad2008a-installation-and-updates</a>
On-Ice – Truck (for gravel island)	lbs/gal	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.040	0.604	0.049	N/A	0.130	0.003	USEPA NONROAD2008 model; TSP (units converted) refer to Diesel Recip. <600 reference	2009	
On-Ice – Truck (for surveys)	lbs/gal	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.040	0.604	0.049	N/A	0.130	0.003	USEPA NONROAD2008 model; TSP (units converted) refer to Diesel Recip. <600 reference	2009	
Man Camp - Operation (max people/day)	tons/person/day		0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.006	0.001	N/A	0.001	N/A	BOEM 2014-1001	2014	<a href="https://www.boem.gov/sites/default/files/uploadedFiles/BOEM/BOEM_Newsroom/Library/Publications/2014-1001.pdf">https://www.boem.gov/sites/default/files/uploadedFiles/BOEM/BOEM_Newsroom/Library/Publications/2014-1001.pdf</a>
Vessels - Ice Management Diesel	g/hp-hr	0.320	0.1931	0.1873	0.0047	7.6669	0.2204	2.24E-05	1.2025	0.0022	USEPA 2017 NEI/TSP refer to Diesel Recip. > 600 hp reference	3/19	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-inventories/2017-national-emissions-inventory-nei-data">https://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-inventories/2017-national-emissions-inventory-nei-data</a>
Vessels - Hovercraft Diesel	g/hp-hr	0.320	0.1931	0.1873	0.0047	7.6669	0.2204	2.24E-05	1.2025	0.0022	USEPA 2017 NEI/TSP refer to Diesel Recip. > 600 hp reference	3/19	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-inventories/2017-national-emissions-inventory-nei-data">https://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-inventories/2017-national-emissions-inventory-nei-data</a>

Sulfur Content Source	Value	Units
Fuel Gas	3.38	ppm
Diesel Fuel	0.0015	% weight
Produced Gas (Flare)	3.38	ppm
Produced Oil (Liquid Flaring)	1	% weight

Density and Heat Value of Diesel Fuel		
Density	7.05	lbs/gal
Heat Value	19,300	Btu/lb

Heat Value of Natural Gas	
Heat Value	1,050 MMBtu/MMscf

Natural Gas Flare Parameters	Value	Units
VOC Content of Flare Gas	0.6816	lb VOC/lb-mol gas
Natural Gas Flare Efficiency	98	%

AIR EMISSIONS COMPUTATION FACTORS

COMPANY	AREA	BLOCK	LEASE	FACILITY	WELL	CONTACT	PHONE	REMARKS																	
LLOG Exploration Offshore LLC	Green Canyon	Green Canyon	953	OCS-G-36062	Location A and Alt A	Susan Sachiana	386-801-4300	Drill Ship - Drilling & Completion Operations																	
OPERATIONS	EQUIPMENT	RATING	MAX. FUEL	ACT. FUEL	RUNTIME										ESTIMATED TONS										
	Diesel Engines	953	GAL/HR	GAL/D																					
	Nat. Gas Engines	OCS-G-36062	HP	SCF/HR	SCF/D																				
	Burners		MMBTU/HR	SCF/HR	SCF/D	HR/D	D/YR	TSP	PM10	PM2.5	SOx	NOx	VOC	Pb	CO	NH3	TSP	PM10	PM2.5	SOx	NOx	VOC	Pb	CO	NH3
DRILLING	VESSLS - Drilling - Propulsion Engine - Diesel	61800	3,179	76,305	24	90	43.60	26.30	25.51	0.63	1044.59	30.03	0.00	163.84	0.30	47.09	28.41	27.56	0.69	1128.15	32.44	0.00	176.95	0.33	
	VESSLS - Drilling - Propulsion Engine - Diesel	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	VESSLS - Drilling - Propulsion Engine - Diesel	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	VESSLS - Drilling - Propulsion Engine - Diesel	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Vessels - Diesel Boiler	0			0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Vessels - Drilling Prime Engine, Auxiliary	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
FACILITY INSTALLATION	VESSLS - Heavy Lift Vessel/Derrick Barge Diesel	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
		BPD																							
DRILLING	Liquid Flaring	0			0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
WELL TEST	COMBUSTION FLARE - no smoke		0		0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	COMBUSTION FLARE - light smoke		0		0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	COMBUSTION FLARE - medium smoke		0		0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	COMBUSTION FLARE - heavy smoke		0		0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
ALASKA-SPECIFIC SOURCES	VESSLS		KW			HR/D	D/YR																		
	VESSLS - Ice Management Diesel	0			0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2021	Facility Total Emissions							43.60	26.30	25.51	0.63	1,044.59	30.03	0.00	163.84	0.30	47.09	28.41	27.56	0.69	1,128.15	32.44	0.00	176.95	0.33
EXEMPTION CALCULATION	DISTANCE FROM LAND IN MILES																4,695.30			4,695.30	4,695.30	4,695.30		92,106.79	
	141.0																								
DRILLING	VESSLS - Crew Diesel	7200	370.4112	8889.87	6	39	5.08	3.06	2.97	0.07	121.70	3.50	0.00	19.09	0.04	0.59	0.35	0.34	0.01	14.08	0.40	0.00	2.21	0.00	
	VESSLS - Supply Diesel	7200	370.4112	8889.87	10	77	5.08	3.06	2.97	0.07	121.70	3.50	0.00	19.09	0.04	1.96	1.18	1.15	0.03	46.94	1.35	0.00	7.36	0.01	
	VESSLS - Tugs Diesel	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
FACILITY INSTALLATION	VESSLS - Material Tug Diesel	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	VESSLS - Crew Diesel	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	VESSLS - Supply Diesel	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
PRODUCTION	VESSLS - Support Diesel	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
ALASKA-SPECIFIC SOURCES	On-Ice Equipment			GAL/HR	GAL/D																				
	Man Camp - Operation (maximum people per day)			PEOPLE/DAY		HR/D	D/YR																		
	VESSLS			KW																					
	On-Ice - Loader	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	On-Ice - Other Construction Equipment	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	On-Ice - Other Survey Equipment	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	On-Ice - Tractor	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	On-Ice - Truck (for gravel island)	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	On-Ice - Truck (for surveys)	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Man Camp - Operation	0			0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	VESSLS - Hovercraft Diesel	0			0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2021	Non-Facility Total Emissions							10.16	6.13	5.95	0.15	243.40	7.00	0.00	38.18	0.07	2.55	1.54	1.49	0.04	61.02	1.75	0.00	9.57	0.02



AIR EMISSIONS COMPUTATION FACTORS

COMPANY	AREA	BLOCK	LEASE	FACILITY	WELL	CONTACT	PHONE	REMARKS																	
LLOG Exploration Offshore LLC	Green Canyon	Green Canyon	953	OCS-G-36062	Location A and Alt A	Susan Sachiana	386-801-4300	Drill Ship - Drilling & Completion Operations																	
OPERATIONS	EQUIPMENT	RATING	MAX. FUEL	ACT. FUEL	RUNTIME	MAXIMUM POUNDS PER HOUR										ESTIMATED TONS									
	Diesel Engines	953	GAL/HR	GAL/D		TSP	PM10	PM2.5	SOx	NOx	VOC	Pb	CO	NH3	TSP	PM10	PM2.5	SOx	NOx	VOC	Pb	CO	NH3		
	Nat. Gas Engines	OCS-G-36062	HP	SCF/D																					
	Burners		MMBTU/HR	SCF/HR	SCF/D	HR/D	D/YR																		
DRILLING	VESSLS - Drilling - Propulsion Engine - Diesel		61800	3179.3628	76304.71	24	90	43.60	26.30	25.51	0.63	1044.59	30.03	0.00	163.84	0.30	47.09	28.41	27.56	0.69	1128.15	32.44	0.00	176.95	0.33
	VESSLS - Drilling - Propulsion Engine - Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	VESSLS - Drilling - Propulsion Engine - Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	VESSLS - Drilling - Propulsion Engine - Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Vessels - Diesel Boiler		0			0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Vessels - Drilling Prime Engine, Auxiliary		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
FACILITY INSTALLATION	VESSLS - Heavy Lift Vessel/Derrick Barge Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
			BPD																						
DRILLING	Liquid Flaring		0			0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
WELL TEST	COMBUSTION FLARE - no smoke		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	COMBUSTION FLARE - light smoke		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	COMBUSTION FLARE - medium smoke		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	COMBUSTION FLARE - heavy smoke		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
ALASKA-SPECIFIC SOURCES	VESSLS		KW			HR/D	D/YR																		
	VESSLS - Ice Management Diesel		0			0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2022	Facility Total Emissions							43.60	26.30	25.51	0.63	1,044.59	30.03	0.00	163.84	0.30	47.09	28.41	27.56	0.69	1,128.15	32.44	0.00	176.95	0.33
EXEMPTION CALCULATION	DISTANCE FROM LAND IN MILES																								
	141.0																4,695.30			4,695.30	4,695.30	4,695.30		92,106.79	
DRILLING	VESSLS - Crew Diesel		7200	370.4112	8889.87	6	39	5.08	3.06	2.97	0.07	121.70	3.50	0.00	19.09	0.04	0.59	0.35	0.34	0.01	14.08	0.40	0.00	2.21	0.00
	VESSLS - Supply Diesel		7200	370.4112	8889.87	10	77	5.08	3.06	2.97	0.07	121.70	3.50	0.00	19.09	0.04	1.96	1.18	1.15	0.03	46.94	1.35	0.00	7.36	0.01
	VESSLS - Tugs Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FACILITY	VESSLS - Material Tug Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INSTALLATION	VESSLS - Crew Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	VESSLS - Supply Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PRODUCTION	VESSLS - Support Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ALASKA-SPECIFIC SOURCES	On-Ice Equipment			GAL/HR	GAL/D																				
	Man Camp - Operation (maximum people per day)			PEOPLE/DAY		HR/D	D/YR																		
	VESSLS			KW																					
	On-Ice - Loader		0	0.0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00
	On-Ice - Other Construction Equipment		0	0.0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00
	On-Ice - Other Survey Equipment		0	0.0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00
	On-Ice - Tractor		0	0.0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00
	On-Ice - Truck (for gravel island)		0	0.0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00
	On-Ice - Truck (for surveys)		0	0.0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00
	Man Camp - Operation		0			0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00
	VESSLS - Hovercraft Diesel		0			0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2022	Non-Facility Total Emissions							10.16	6.13	5.95	0.15	243.40	7.00	0.00	38.18	0.07	2.55	1.54	1.49	0.04	61.02	1.75	0.00	9.57	0.02

**AIR EMISSIONS CALCULATIONS**

COMPANY	AREA	BLOCK	LEASE	FACILITY	WELL	
LLOG Exploration Offshore, LLC	Green Canyon	OCS-G-36062		Location A and Alt A		

Year	953 Facility Emitted Substance OCS-G-36062								
	TSP	PM10	PM2.5	SOx	NOx	VOC	Pb	CO	NH3
2021	47.09	28.41	27.56	0.69	1128.15	32.44	0.00	176.95	0.33
2022	47.09	28.41	27.56	0.69	1128.15	32.44	0.00	176.95	0.33
2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2025	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2026	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2027	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2028	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2029	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2030	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Allowable	4695.30			4695.30	4695.30	4695.30		92106.79	

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OMB Approval Expires: 08/31/2023

<b>COMPANY</b>	LLOG Exploration Offhsore, LLC
<b>AREA</b>	Green Canyon
<b>BLOCK</b>	953
<b>LEASE</b>	OCS-G-36062
<b>FACILITY</b>	
<b>WELL</b>	Location A and Alt A
<b>COMPANY CONTACT</b>	Susan Sachitana
<b>TELEPHONE NO.</b>	985-801-4300
<b>REMARKS</b>	DP Semisubmersible - Drilling & Completion Operations

**AIR EMISSIONS COMPUTATION FACTORS**

Fuel Usage Conversion Factors	Natural Gas Turbines		Natural Gas Engines		Diesel Recip. Engine		Diesel Turbines	
	SCF/hp-hr	9.524	SCF/hp-hr	7.143	GAL/hp-hr	0.0514	GAL/hp-hr	0.0514

Equipment/Emission Factors	units	TSP	PM10	PM2.5	SOx	NOx	VOC	Pb	CO	NH3	REF.	DATE	Reference Links
Natural Gas Turbine	g/hp-hr		0.0086	0.0086	0.0026	1.4515	0.0095	N/A	0.3719	N/A	AP42 3.1-1& 3.1-2a	4/00	<a href="https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s01.pdf">https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s01.pdf</a>
RECIP. 2 Cycle Lean Natural Gas	g/hp-hr		0.1293	0.1293	0.0020	6.5998	0.4082	N/A	1.2009	N/A	AP42 3.2-1	7/00	<a href="https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s02.pdf">https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s02.pdf</a>
RECIP. 4 Cycle Lean Natural Gas	g/hp-hr		0.0002	0.0002	0.0020	2.8814	0.4014	N/A	1.8949	N/A	AP42 3.2-2	7/00	<a href="https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s02.pdf">https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s02.pdf</a>
RECIP. 4 Cycle Rich Natural Gas	g/hp-hr		0.0323	0.0323	0.0020	7.7224	0.1021	N/A	11.9408	N/A	AP42 3.2-3	7/00	<a href="https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s02.pdf">https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s02.pdf</a>
Diesel Recip. < 600 hp	g/hp-hr	1	1	1	0.0279	14.1	1.04	N/A	3.03	N/A	AP42 3.3-1	10/96	<a href="https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s03.pdf">https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s03.pdf</a>
Diesel Recip. > 600 hp	g/hp-hr	0.32	0.182	0.178	0.0055	10.9	0.29	N/A	2.5	N/A	AP42 3.4-1 & 3.4-2	10/96	<a href="https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s04.pdf">https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s04.pdf</a>
Diesel Boiler	lbs/bbl	0.0840	0.0420	0.0105	0.0089	1.0080	0.0084	5.14E-05	0.2100	0.0336	AP42 1.3-6; Pb and NH3: WebFIRE (08/2018)	9/98 and 5/10	<a href="https://cfpub.epa.gov/webfire/">https://cfpub.epa.gov/webfire/</a>
Diesel Turbine	g/hp-hr	0.0381	0.0137	0.0137	0.0048	2.7941	0.0013	4.45E-05	0.0105	N/A	AP42 3.1-1 & 3.1-2a	4/00	<a href="https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s01.pdf">https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42/ch03/final/c03s01.pdf</a>
Dual Fuel Turbine	g/hp-hr	0.0381	0.0137	0.0137	0.0048	2.7941	0.0095	4.45E-05	0.3719	0.0000	AP42 3.1-18 3.1-2a; AP42 3.1-1 & 3.1-2a	4/00	<a href="https://cfpub.epa.gov/webfire/">https://cfpub.epa.gov/webfire/</a>
Vessels – Propulsion	g/hp-hr	0.320	0.1931	0.1873	0.0047	7.6669	0.2204	2.24E-05	1.2025	0.0022	USEPA 2017 NEI/TSP refer to Diesel Recip. > 600 hp reference	3/19	
Vessels – Drilling Prime Engine, Auxiliary	g/hp-hr	0.320	0.1931	0.1873	0.0047	7.6669	0.2204	2.24E-05	1.2025	0.0022	USEPA 2017 NEI/TSP refer to Diesel Recip. > 600 hp reference	3/19	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-inventories/2017-national-emissions-inventory-nei-data">https://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-inventories/2017-national-emissions-inventory-nei-data</a>
Vessels – Diesel Boiler	g/hp-hr	0.0466	0.1491	0.1417	0.4400	1.4914	0.0820	3.73E-05	0.1491	0.0003	USEPA 2017 NEI/TSP (units converted) refer to Diesel Boiler Reference	3/19	
Vessels – Well Stimulation	g/hp-hr	0.320	0.1931	0.1873	0.0047	7.6669	0.2204	2.24E-05	1.2025	0.0022	USEPA 2017 NEI/TSP refer to Diesel Recip. > 600 hp reference	3/19	
Natural Gas Heater/Boiler/Burner	lbs/MMscf	7.60	1.90	1.90	0.60	190.00	5.50	5.00E-04	84.00	3.2	AP42 1.4-1 & 1.4-2; Pb and NH3: WebFIRE (08/2018)	7/98 and 8/18	<a href="https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42/ch01/final/c01s04.pdf">https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42/ch01/final/c01s04.pdf</a>
Combustion Flare (no smoke)	lbs/MMscf	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.57	71.40	35.93	N/A	325.5	N/A	AP42 13.5-1, 13.5-2	2/18	
Combustion Flare (light smoke)	lbs/MMscf	2.10	2.10	2.10	0.57	71.40	35.93	N/A	325.5	N/A	AP42 13.5-1, 13.5-2	2/18	<a href="https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42/ch13/final/C13S05_02-05-18.pdf">https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42/ch13/final/C13S05_02-05-18.pdf</a>
Combustion Flare (medium smoke)	lbs/MMscf	10.50	10.50	10.50	0.57	71.40	35.93	N/A	325.5	N/A	AP42 13.5-1, 13.5-2	2/18	
Combustion Flare (heavy smoke)	lbs/MMscf	21.00	21.00	21.00	0.57	71.40	35.93	N/A	325.5	N/A	AP42 13.5-1, 13.5-2	2/18	
Liquid Flaring	lbs/bbl	0.42	0.0966	0.0651	5.964	0.84	0.01428	5.14E-05	0.21	0.0336	AP42 1.3-1 through 1.3-3 and 1.3-5	5/10	<a href="https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42/ch01/final/c01s01.pdf">https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42/ch01/final/c01s01.pdf</a>
Storage Tank	tons/yr/tank						4.300				2014 Gulfwide Inventory; Avg emiss (upper bound of 95% CI)	2017	<a href="https://www.boem.gov/environment/environmental-studies/2014-gulfwide-emission-inventory">https://www.boem.gov/environment/environmental-studies/2014-gulfwide-emission-inventory</a>
Fugitives	lbs/hr/component						0.0005				API Study	12/93	<a href="https://www.api.org/">https://www.api.org/</a>
Glycol Dehydrator	tons/yr/dehydrator						19.240				2011 Gulfwide Inventory; Avg emiss (upper bound of 95% CI)	2014	<a href="https://www.boem.gov/environment/environmental-studies/2011-gulfwide-emission-inventory">https://www.boem.gov/environment/environmental-studies/2011-gulfwide-emission-inventory</a>
Cold Vent	tons/yr/vent						44.747				2014 Gulfwide Inventory; Avg emiss (upper bound of 95% CI)	2017	<a href="https://www.boem.gov/environment/environmental-studies/2014-gulfwide-emission-inventory">https://www.boem.gov/environment/environmental-studies/2014-gulfwide-emission-inventory</a>
Waste Incinerator	lb/ton		15.0	15.0	2.5	2.0	N/A	N/A	20.0	N/A	AP 42 2.1-12	10/96	<a href="https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42/ch02/final/c02s01.pdf">https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42/ch02/final/c02s01.pdf</a>
On-Ice – Loader	lbs/gal	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.040	0.604	0.049	N/A	0.130	0.003	USEPA NONROAD2008 model; TSP (units converted) refer to Diesel Recip. <600 reference	2009	
On-Ice – Other Construction Equipment	lbs/gal	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.040	0.604	0.049	N/A	0.130	0.003	USEPA NONROAD2008 model; TSP (units converted) refer to Diesel Recip. <600 reference	2009	
On-Ice – Other Survey Equipment	lbs/gal	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.040	0.604	0.049	N/A	0.130	0.003	USEPA NONROAD2008 model; TSP (units converted) refer to Diesel Recip. <600 reference	2009	
On-Ice – Tractor	lbs/gal	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.040	0.604	0.049	N/A	0.130	0.003	USEPA NONROAD2008 model; TSP (units converted) refer to Diesel Recip. <600 reference	2009	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/moves/nonroad2008a-installation-and-updates">https://www.epa.gov/moves/nonroad2008a-installation-and-updates</a>
On-Ice – Truck (for gravel island)	lbs/gal	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.040	0.604	0.049	N/A	0.130	0.003	USEPA NONROAD2008 model; TSP (units converted) refer to Diesel Recip. <600 reference	2009	
On-Ice – Truck (for surveys)	lbs/gal	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.040	0.604	0.049	N/A	0.130	0.003	USEPA NONROAD2008 model; TSP (units converted) refer to Diesel Recip. <600 reference	2009	
Man Camp - Operation (max people/day)	tons/person/day		0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.006	0.001	N/A	0.001	N/A	BOEM 2014-1001	2014	<a href="https://www.boem.gov/sites/default/files/uploadedFiles/BOEM/BOEM_Newsroom/Library/Publications/2014-1001.pdf">https://www.boem.gov/sites/default/files/uploadedFiles/BOEM/BOEM_Newsroom/Library/Publications/2014-1001.pdf</a>
Vessels - Ice Management Diesel	g/hp-hr	0.320	0.1931	0.1873	0.0047	7.6669	0.2204	2.24E-05	1.2025	0.0022	USEPA 2017 NEI/TSP refer to Diesel Recip. > 600 hp reference	3/19	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-inventories/2017-national-emissions-inventory-nei-data">https://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-inventories/2017-national-emissions-inventory-nei-data</a>
Vessels - Hovercraft Diesel	g/hp-hr	0.320	0.1931	0.1873	0.0047	7.6669	0.2204	2.24E-05	1.2025	0.0022	USEPA 2017 NEI/TSP refer to Diesel Recip. > 600 hp reference	3/19	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-inventories/2017-national-emissions-inventory-nei-data">https://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-inventories/2017-national-emissions-inventory-nei-data</a>

Sulfur Content Source	Value	Units
Fuel Gas	3.38	ppm
Diesel Fuel	0.0015	% weight
Produced Gas (Flare)	3.38	ppm
Produced Oil (Liquid Flaring)	1	% weight

Density and Heat Value of Diesel Fuel		
Density	7.05	lbs/gal
Heat Value	19,300	Btu/lb

Heat Value of Natural Gas	
Heat Value	1,050 MMBtu/MMscf

Natural Gas Flare Parameters	Value	Units
VOC Content of Flare Gas	0.6816	lb VOC/lb-mol gas
Natural Gas Flare Efficiency	98	%

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COMPANY	AREA	BLOCK	LEASE	FACILITY	WELL	CONTACT	PHONE	REMARKS																	
LLOG Exploration Offshore, LLC	Green Canyon	953	OCS-G-36062		Location A and Alt A	Susan Sachitana	985-801-4300	DP Semisubmersible - Drilling & Completion Operations																	
OPERATIONS	EQUIPMENT	EQUIPMENT ID	RATING	MAX. FUEL	ACT. FUEL	RUN TIME										ESTIMATED TONS									
	Diesel Engines		HP	GAL/HR	GAL/D	MAXIMUM POUNDS PER HOUR																			
	Nat. Gas Engines		HP	SCF/HR	SCF/D																				
	Burners		MMBTU/HR	SCF/HR	SCF/D	HR/D	D/YR	TSP	PM10	PM2.5	SOx	NOx	VOC	Pb	CO	NH3	TSP	PM10	PM2.5	SOx	NOx	VOC	Pb	CO	NH3
DRILLING	VESSELS- Drilling - Propulsion Engine - Diesel		61200	3,148	75,564	24	90	43.18	26.05	25.27	0.63	1034.45	29.74	0.00	162.25	0.30	46.63	28.13	27.29	0.68	1117.20	32.12	0.00	175.23	0.33
	VESSELS- Drilling - Propulsion Engine - Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	VESSELS- Drilling - Propulsion Engine - Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	VESSELS- Drilling - Propulsion Engine - Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Vessels - Diesel Boiler		0			0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Vessels - Drilling Prime Engine, Auxiliary		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FACILITY INSTALLATION	VESSELS - Heavy Lift Vessel/Derrick Barge Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
			BPD																						
DRILLING	Liquid Flaring		0			0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
WELL TEST	COMBUSTION FLARE - no smoke		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	COMBUSTION FLARE - light smoke		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	COMBUSTION FLARE - medium smoke		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	COMBUSTION FLARE - heavy smoke		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ALASKA-SPECIFIC SOURCES	VESSELS		kw			HR/D	D/YR																		
	VESSELS - Ice Management Diesel		0			0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>2021 Facility Total Emissions</b>							<b>43.18</b>	<b>26.05</b>	<b>25.27</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>1,034.45</b>	<b>29.74</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>162.25</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>46.63</b>	<b>28.13</b>	<b>27.29</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>1,117.20</b>	<b>32.12</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>175.23</b>	<b>0.33</b>
EXEMPTION CALCULATION	DISTANCE FROM LAND IN MILES																4,695.30			4,695.30	4,695.30	4,695.30		92,106.79	
	141.0																								
DRILLING	VESSELS- Crew Diesel		7200	370.4112	8889.87	6	39	5.08	3.06	2.97	0.07	121.70	3.50	0.00	19.09	0.04	0.59	0.35	0.34	0.01	14.08	0.40	0.00	2.21	0.00
	VESSELS - Supply Diesel		7200	370.4112	8889.87	10	77	5.08	3.06	2.97	0.07	121.70	3.50	0.00	19.09	0.04	1.96	1.18	1.15	0.03	46.94	1.35	0.00	7.36	0.01
	VESSELS - Tugs Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FACILITY INSTALLATION	VESSELS - Material Tug Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	VESSELS - Crew Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	VESSELS - Supply Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PRODUCTION	VESSELS - Support Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ALASKA-SPECIFIC SOURCES	On-Ice Equipment			GAL/HR	GAL/D																				
	Man Camp - Operation (maximum people per day)		PEOPLE/DAY																						
	VESSELS		kw			HR/D	D/YR																		
	On-Ice - Loader		0	0.0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00
	On-Ice - Other Construction Equipment		0	0.0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00
	On-Ice - Other Survey Equipment		0	0.0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00
	On-Ice - Tractor		0	0.0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00
	On-Ice - Truck (for gravel island)		0	0.0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00
	On-Ice - Truck (for surveys)		0	0.0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00
	Man Camp - Operation		0			0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00
	VESSELS - Hovercraft Diesel		0			0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>2021 Non-Facility Total Emissions</b>							<b>10.16</b>	<b>6.13</b>	<b>5.95</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>243.40</b>	<b>7.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>38.18</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>2.55</b>	<b>1.54</b>	<b>1.49</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>61.02</b>	<b>1.75</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>9.57</b>	<b>0.02</b>

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LLOG Exploration Offshore, LLC	Green Canyon	953	OCS-G-36062		Location A and Alt A	Susan Sachitana	985-801-4300	DP Semisubmersible - Drilling & Completion Operations																	
OPERATIONS	EQUIPMENT	EQUIPMENT ID	RATING	MAX. FUEL	ACT. FUEL	RUN TIME										ESTIMATED TONS									
	Diesel Engines		HP	GAL/HR	GAL/D	MAXIMUM POUNDS PER HOUR																			
	Nat. Gas Engines		HP	SCF/HR	SCF/D																				
	Burners		MMBTU/HR	SCF/HR	SCF/D	HR/D	D/YR	TSP	PM10	PM2.5	SOx	NOx	VOC	Pb	CO	NH3	TSP	PM10	PM2.5	SOx	NOx	VOC	Pb	CO	NH3
DRILLING	VESSELS- Drilling - Propulsion Engine - Diesel		61200	3148.4952	75563.88	24	90	43.18	26.05	25.27	0.63	1034.45	29.74	0.00	162.25	0.30	46.63	28.13	27.29	0.68	1117.20	32.12	0.00	175.23	0.33
	VESSELS- Drilling - Propulsion Engine - Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	VESSELS- Drilling - Propulsion Engine - Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	VESSELS- Drilling - Propulsion Engine - Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Vessels - Diesel Boiler		0			0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Vessels - Drilling Prime Engine, Auxiliary		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FACILITY INSTALLATION	VESSELS - Heavy Lift Vessel/Derrick Barge Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
			BPD																						
DRILLING	Liquid Flaring		0			0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
WELL TEST	COMBUSTION FLARE - no smoke		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00
	COMBUSTION FLARE - light smoke		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	--
	COMBUSTION FLARE - medium smoke		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	--
	COMBUSTION FLARE - heavy smoke		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	--
ALASKA-SPECIFIC SOURCES	VESSELS		kw			HR/D	D/YR																		
	VESSELS - Ice Management Diesel		0			0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00
	<b>2022 Facility Total Emissions</b>							<b>43.18</b>	<b>26.05</b>	<b>25.27</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>1,034.45</b>	<b>29.74</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>162.25</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>46.63</b>	<b>28.13</b>	<b>27.29</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>1,117.20</b>	<b>32.12</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>175.23</b>	<b>0.33</b>
EXEMPTION CALCULATION	DISTANCE FROM LAND IN MILES																4,695.30			4,695.30	4,695.30	4,695.30		92,106.79	
	141.0																								
DRILLING	VESSELS- Crew Diesel		7200	370.4112	8889.87	6	39	5.08	3.06	2.97	0.07	121.70	3.50	0.00	19.09	0.04	0.59	0.35	0.34	0.01	14.08	0.40	0.00	2.21	0.00
	VESSELS - Supply Diesel		7200	370.4112	8889.87	10	77	5.08	3.06	2.97	0.07	121.70	3.50	0.00	19.09	0.04	1.96	1.18	1.15	0.03	46.94	1.35	0.00	7.36	0.01
	VESSELS - Tugs Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FACILITY INSTALLATION	VESSELS - Material Tug Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	VESSELS - Crew Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	VESSELS - Supply Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PRODUCTION	VESSELS - Support Diesel		0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ALASKA-SPECIFIC SOURCES	On-Ice Equipment			GAL/HR	GAL/D																				
	Man Camp - Operation (maximum people per day)		PEOPLE/DAY																						
	VESSELS		kw			HR/D	D/YR																		
	On-Ice - Loader		0	0.0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00
	On-Ice - Other Construction Equipment		0	0.0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00
	On-Ice - Other Survey Equipment		0	0.0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00
	On-Ice - Tractor		0	0.0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00
	On-Ice - Truck (for gravel island)		0	0.0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00
	On-Ice - Truck (for surveys)		0	0.0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00
	Man Camp - Operation		0			0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00
	VESSELS - Hovercraft Diesel		0			0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>2022 Non-Facility Total Emissions</b>							<b>10.16</b>	<b>6.13</b>	<b>5.95</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>243.40</b>	<b>7.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>38.18</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>2.55</b>	<b>1.54</b>	<b>1.49</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>61.02</b>	<b>1.75</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>9.57</b>	<b>0.02</b>

**AIR EMISSIONS CALCULATIONS**

COMPANY	AREA	BLOCK	LEASE	FACILITY	WELL	
LLOG Exploration Offshore, LLC	953	OCS-G-36062		Location A and Alt A		

Year	Facility Emitted Substance								
	TSP	PM10	PM2.5	SOx	NOx	VOC	Pb	CO	NH3
2021	46.63	28.13	27.29	0.68	1117.20	32.12	0.00	175.23	0.33
2022	46.63	28.13	27.29	0.68	1117.20	32.12	0.00	175.23	0.33
2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2025	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2026	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2027	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2028	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2029	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2030	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Allowable	4695.30			4695.30	4695.30	4695.30		92106.79	

**APPENDIX H**  
**OIL SPILL INFORMATION**  
**(30 CFR PART 550.219 AND 550.250)**

**A. Oil Spill Response Planning**

All the proposed activities in this Revised Exploration Plan will be covered by the Oil Spill Response Plan filed by LLOG (No. 02058) in accordance with 30 CFR 254, plan was last approved on September 18, 2018 and our biennial update was found to be “in-compliance” on July 21, 2020.

**B. Spill Response Sites**

The following locations will be used in the event an oil spill occurs as a result of the proposed activities.

<b>Primary Response Equipment Location</b>	<b>Pre-Planned Staging Location(s)</b>
Houma, LA	Fort Jackson, LA

**C. OSRO Information**

The O’Brien Group (TOG) will provide trained personnel capable of providing supervisory management of the oil spill response in addition to contacting and deploying cleanup personnel and equipment.

LLOG utilizes Clean Gulf Associates (CGA) as its primary provider for equipment, which is an industry cooperative owning an inventory of oil spill clean-up equipment. CGA is supported by the Marine Spill Response Corporation’s (MSRC), which is responsible for storing, inspecting, maintaining and dispatching CGA’s equipment. The MSRC STARS network provides for the closest available personnel, as well as an MSRC supervisor to operate the equipment.



**D. Worst-Case Scenario Information**

<i>Category</i>	<i>Regional OSRP</i>	<i>EP</i>
Type of Activity	Exploratory MODU	Exploratory MODU
Facility Surface Location	<b>Mississippi Canyon Block 386/387</b>	<b>Green Canyon Block 953</b>
Facility Description	Location Well 001 (Revised Location B)	Location A
Distance to Nearest Shoreline (Miles)	58 miles	141 miles
Volume: Storage Tanks (total) Facility Piping (total) Lease Term Pipeline Uncontrolled Blowout (day) Barging <b>Potential 24 Hour Volume (bbls)</b>	<b>396,602 bbls</b>	<b>137,255 bbls</b>
Type of Liquid Hydrocarbon	Crude Oil	Crude Oil
API Gravity	25°	25.7°

LLOG Exploration Offshore, L.L.C. (LLOG) has the capability to respond to the appropriate worst-case spill scenario included in its regional OSRP Plan, filed by LLOG (No. 02058) in accordance with 30 CFR 254, our plan was last approved on September 18, 2018. Our biennial update was found to be “in-compliance” on July 21, 2020.

Since LLOG Exploration Offshore, L.L.C. (LLOG) has the capability to respond to the appropriate worst-case spill scenario included in its regional OSRP Plan filed by LLOG (Operator No.02058) in accordance with 30 CFR 254 Biennial update modification approved on July 21, 2020 and since the worst case discharge determined in Exploration Plan for Mississippi Canyon Block 387 is the worst case discharge outlined in our Regional OSRP, I hereby certify that LLOG Exploration Offshore, L.L.C. has the capability to respond, to the maximum extent practicable, to a worst-case discharge, or a substantial threat of such a discharge, resulting from the activities proposed in this Exploration Plan.

LLOG Exploration Offshore, L.L.C., Company No. 02058, previously submitted the Regional OSRP Exploration WCD volume in Plan R-6763, Revised Exploration Plan, which was approved on November 2, 2018.

The required proprietary data outlined in NTL 2015-N01 was submitted to BOEM within the Confidential Copy of the Revised Exploration Plan, R-6763.

**LLOG Exploration Offshore, L.L.C., Company No. 02058 will not use any new or unusual technology in responding to an oil spill.**

**E. Oil Spill Response Discussion**

See the following Oil Spill Response Discussion.

## SPILL RESPONSE DISCUSSION

For the purpose of NEPA and Coastal Zone Management Act analysis, the largest spill volume originating from the proposed activity would be a well blowout during drilling operations, estimated to be 137,255 barrels of crude oil with an API gravity of 25.7°.

### Land Segment and Resource Identification

Trajectories of a spill and the probability of it impacting a land segment have been projected utilizing information in the BOEM Oil Spill Risk Analysis Model (OSRAM) for the Central and Western Gulf of Mexico available on the BOEM website. The results are shown in **Figure 1**. The BOEM OSRAM identifies a 3% probability of impact to the shorelines of Cameron and/or Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana within 30 days. Cameron Parish includes the east side of Sabine Lake, Sabine National Wildlife Refuge, Calcasieu Lake, Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge (inland) and Grand Lake. Cameron Parish also includes the area along the coastline from Sabine Pass to Big Constance Lake in Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge. This region is composed of open public beaches, marshlands and swamps. It serves as a habitat for numerous birds, finfish and other animals, including several rare, threatened and endangered species. Plaquemines Parish includes Barataria Bay, the Mississippi River Delta, Breton Sound and the affiliated islands and bays. This region is an extremely sensitive habitat and serves as a migratory, breeding, feeding and nursery habitat for numerous species of wildlife. Beaches in this area vary in grain particle size and can be classified as fine sand, shell or perched shell beaches. Sandy and muddy tidal flats are also abundant.

### Response

LLOG will make every effort to respond to the Worst Case Discharge as effectively as practicable. A description of the response equipment under contract to contain and recover the Worst Case Discharge is shown in **Figure 2**.

Using the estimated chemical and physical characteristics of crude oil, an ADIOS weathering model was run on a similar product from the ADIOS oil database. The results indicate 10% or approximately 13,726 barrels of crude oil would be evaporated/dispersed within 24 hours, with approximately 123,529 barrels remaining.

Natural Weathering Data: GC 953, Well Location A	Barrels of Oil
WCD Volume	137,255
Less 10% natural evaporation/dispersion	13,726
Remaining volume	123,529

**Figure 2** outlines equipment, personnel, materials and support vessels as well as temporary storage equipment available to respond to the worst case discharge. The volume accounts for the amount remaining after evaporation/dispersion at 24 hours. The list estimates individual times needed for procurement, load out, travel time to the site and deployment. **Figure 2** also indicates how operations will be supported.

LLOG's Oil Spill Response Plan includes alternative response technologies such as dispersants and in-situ burn. Strategies will be decided by Unified Command based on an operations safety

analysis, the size of the spill, weather and potential impacts. If aerial dispersants are utilized, 8 sorties (9,600 gallons) from two of the DC-3 aircrafts and 4 sorties (8,000 gallons) from the Basler aircraft would provide a daily dispersant capability of 7,540 barrels. If the conditions are favorable for in-situ burning, the proper approvals have been obtained and the proper planning is in place, in-situ burning of oil may be attempted. Slick containment boom would be immediately called out and on-scene as soon as possible. Offshore response strategies may include attempting to skim utilizing CGA spill response equipment, with a total derated skimming capacity of 144,940 barrels. Temporary storage associated with skimming equipment equals 4,747 barrels. If additional storage is needed, various storage barges with a total capacity 141,000 bbls may be mobilized and centrally located to provide temporary storage and minimize off-loading time. **Safety is first priority. Air monitoring will be accomplished and operations deemed safe prior to any containment/skimming attempts.**

If the spill went unabated, shoreline impact in Cameron Parish and/or Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana would depend upon existing environmental conditions. Shoreline protection would include the use of CGA's near shore and shallow water skimmers with a totaled derated skimming capacity of 50,131 barrels. Temporary storage associated with skimming equipment equals 968 barrels. If additional storage is needed, various storage barges with a total capacity of 60,000 barrels may be mobilized and centrally located to provide temporary storage and minimize off-loading time. Onshore response may include the deployment of shoreline boom on beach areas, or protection and sorbent boom on vegetated areas. Master Service Agreements with AMPOL and OMI Environmental will ensure access to 155,350 feet of 18" shoreline protection boom. **Figure 2** outlines individual times needed for procurement, load out, travel time to the site and deployment. Strategies would be based upon surveillance and real time trajectories that depict areas of potential impact given actual sea and weather conditions. Strategies would be based upon surveillance and real time trajectories that depict areas of potential impact given actual sea and weather conditions. Applicable Area Contingency Plans (ACPs), Geographic Response Plans (GRPs), and Unified Command (UC) will be consulted to ensure that environmental and special economic resources are correctly identified and prioritized to ensure optimal protection. Shoreline protection strategies depict the protection response modes applicable for oil spill clean-up operations. As a secondary resource, the State of Louisiana Initial Oil Spill Response Plan will be consulted as appropriate to provide detailed shoreline protection strategies and describe necessary action to keep the oil spill from entering Louisiana's coastal wetlands. LLOG's contract Incident Management Team has access to the applicable ACP(s) and GRP(s).

Based on the anticipated worst case discharge scenario, LLOG can be onsite with contracted oil spill recovery equipment with adequate response capacity to contain and recover surface hydrocarbons, and prevent land impact, to the maximum extent practicable, within an estimated 48 hours (based on the equipment's Effective Daily Recovery Capacity (EDRC)).

## **Initial Response Considerations**

Actual actions taken during an oil spill response will be based on many factors to include but not be limited to:

- Safety
- Weather
- Equipment and materials availability
- Ocean currents and tides
- Location of the spill
- Product spilled
- Amount spilled
- Environmental risk assessments
- Trajectory and product analysis
- Well status, i.e., shut in or continual release

LLOG will take action to provide a safe, aggressive response to contain and recover as much of the spilled oil as quickly as it is safe to do so. In an effort to protect the environment, response actions will be designed to provide an “in-depth” protection strategy meant to recover as much oil as possible as far from environmentally sensitive areas as possible. Safety will take precedence over all other considerations during these operations.

Coordination of response assets will be supervised by the designation of a SIMOPS group as necessary for close quarter vessel response activities. Most often, this group will be used during source control events that require a significant number of large vessels operating independently to complete a common objective, in close coordination and support of each other. This group must also monitor the subsurface activities of each vessel (ROV, dispersant application, well control support, etc.). The SIMOPS group leader reports to the Source Control Section Chief.

In addition, these activities will be monitored by the spill management team (SMT) and Unified Command via a structured Common Operating Picture (COP) established to track resource and slick movement in real time.

Upon notification of a spill, the following actions will be taken:

- Information will be confirmed
- An assessment will be made and initial objectives set
- OSROs and appropriate agencies will be notified
- ICS 201, Initial Report Form completed
- Initial Safety plan will be written and published
- Unified Command will be established
  - Overall safety plan developed to reflect the operational situation and coordinated objectives
  - Areas of responsibility established for Source Control and each surface operational site
  - On-site command and control established

## Offshore Response Actions

### Equipment Deployment

#### *Surveillance*

- Surveillance Aircraft: within two hours of QI notification, or at first light
- Provide trained observer to provide on site status reports
- Provide command and control platform at the site if needed
- Continual surveillance of oil movement by remote sensing systems, aerial photography and visual confirmation
- Continual monitoring of vessel assets using vessel monitoring systems

#### *Dispersant application assets*

- Put ASI on standby
- With the FOSC, conduct analysis to determine appropriateness of dispersant application (refer to Section 18)
- Gain FOSC approval for use of dispersants on the surface
- Deploy aircraft in accordance with a plan developed for the actual situation
- Coordinate movement of dispersants, aircraft, and support equipment and personnel
- Confirm dispersant availability for current and long range operations
- Start ordering dispersant stocks required for expected operations

#### *Containment boom*

- Call out early and expedite deployment to be on scene ASAP
- Ensure boom handling and mooring equipment is deployed with boom
- Provide continuing reports to vessels to expedite their arrival at sites that will provide for their most effective containment
- Use Vessels of Opportunity (VOO) to deploy and maintain boom

#### *Oceangoing Boom Barge*

- Containment at the source
- Increased/enhanced skimmer encounter rate
- Protection booming

#### *In-situ Burn assets*

- Determine appropriateness of in-situ burn operation in coordination with the FOSC and affected SOSC
- Determine availability of fire boom and selected ignition systems
- Start ordering fire boom stocks required for expected operations
- Contact boom manufacturer to provide training & tech support for operations, if required
- Determine assets to perform on water operation
- Build operations into safety plan
- Conduct operations in accordance with an approved plan
- Initial test burn to ensure effectiveness

### *Dedicated off-shore skimming systems*

#### *General*

- Deployed to the highest concentration of oil
- Assets deployed at safe distance from aerial dispersant and in-situ burn operations

#### *CGA HOSS Barge*

- Use in areas with heaviest oil concentrations
- Consider for use in areas of known debris (seaweed, and other floating materials)

#### *CGA 95' Fast Response Vessels (FRVs)*

- Designed to be a first vessel on scene
- Capable of maintaining the initial Command and Control function for on water recovery operations
- 24 hour oil spill detection capability
- Highly mobile and efficient skimming capability
- Use as far off-shore as safely possible

#### *CGA FRUs*

- To the area of the thickest oil
- Use as far off-shore as allowed
- VOOs 140' – 180' in length
- VOOs with minimum of 18' x 38' or 23' x 50' of optimum deck space
- VOOs in shallow water should have a draft of <10 feet when fully loaded

#### *T&T Koseq Skimming Systems*

- To the area of the thickest oil
- Use as far off-shore as allowed
- VOOs with a minimum of 2,000 bbls storage capacity
- VOOs at least 200' in length
- VOOs with deck space of 100' x 40' to provide space for arms, tanks, and crane
- VOOs for shallow water should be deck barges with a draft of <10 feet when fully loaded

#### *Storage Vessels*

- Establish availability of CGA contracted assets (See Appendix E)
- Early call out (to allow for tug boat acquisition and deployment speeds)
- Phase mobilization to allow storage vessels to arrive at the same time as skimming systems
- Position as closely as possible to skimming assets to minimize offloading time

### *Vessels of Opportunity (VOO)*

- Use LLOG's contracted resources as applicable
- Industry vessels are ideal for deployment of Vessel of Opportunity Skimming Systems (VOSS)
- Acquire additional resources as needed
- Consider use of local assets, i.e. fishing and pleasure craft for ISB operations or boom tending
- Expect mission specific and safety training to be required
- Plan with the US Coast Guard for vessel inspections
- Place VOOs in Division or Groups as needed
- Use organic on-board storage if appropriate
- Maximize non-organic storage appropriate to vessel limitations
- Decant as appropriate after approval to do so has been granted
- Assign bulk storage barges to each Division/Group
- Position bulk storage barges as close to skimming units as possible
- Utilize large skimming vessel (e.g. barges) storage for smaller vessel offloading
- Maximize skimming area (swath) to the optimum width given sea conditions and available equipment
- Maximize use of oleophilic skimmers in all operations, but especially offshore
- Nearshore, use shallow water barges and shuttle to skimming units to minimize offloading time
- Plan and equip to use all offloading capabilities of the storage vessel to minimize offloading time

### *Adverse Weather Operations:*

In adverse weather, when seas are  $\geq 3$  feet, the use of larger recovery and storage vessels, oleophilic skimmers, and large offshore boom will be maximized. KOSEQ Arm systems are built for rough conditions, and they should be used until their operational limit (9.8' seas) is met. Safety will be the overriding factor in all operations and will cease at the order of the Unified Command, vessel captain, or in an emergency, "stop work" may be directed by any crew member.

### **Surface Oil Recovery Considerations and Tactics (Offshore and Near-shore Operations)**

#### *Maximization of skimmer-oil encounter rate*

- Place barges in skimming task forces, groups, etc., to reduce recovered oil offloading time
- Place barges alongside skimming systems for immediate offloading of recovered oil when practicable
- Use two vessels, each with heavy sea boom, in an open-ended "V" configuration to funnel surface oil into a trailing skimming unit's organic, V-shaped boom and skimmer (see page 7, *CGA Equipment Guide Book and Tactic Manual (CGATM)*)

- Use secondary vessels and heavy sea boom to widen boom swath beyond normal skimming system limits (see page 15, CGATM)
- Consider night-time operations, first considering safety issues
- Utilize all available advanced technology systems ( IR, X-Band Radar, etc.) to determine the location of, and move to, recoverable oil
- Confirm the presence of recoverable oil prior to moving to a new location

#### *Maximize skimmer system efficiency*

- Place weir skimming systems in areas of calm seas and thick oil
- Maximize the use of oleophilic skimming systems in heavier seas
- Place less mobile, high EDRC skimming systems (e.g. HOSS Barge) in the largest pockets of the heaviest oil
- Maximize onboard recovered oil storage for vessels.
- Obtain authorization for decanting of recovered water as soon as possible
- Use smaller, more agile skimming systems to recover streamers of oil normally found farther from the source. Place recovered oil barges nearby

#### *Recovered Oil Storage*

- Smaller barges in larger quantities will increase flexibility for multi-location skimming operations
- Place barges in skimming task forces, groups, etc., to reduce recovered oil offloading time
- Procure and deploy the maximum number of portable tanks to support Vessel of Opportunity Skimming Systems if onboard storage is not available
- Maximize use of the organic recovered oil storage capacity of the skimming vessel

#### *Command, Control, and Communications (C<sup>3</sup>)*

- Publish, implement, and fully test an appropriate communications plan
- Design an operational scheme, maintaining a manageable span of control
- Designate and mark C<sup>3</sup> vessels for easy aerial identification
- Designate and employ C<sup>3</sup> aircraft for task forces, groups, etc.
- Use reconnaissance air craft and Rapid Response Teams (RAT) to confirm the presence of recoverable oil



## **On Water Recovery Group**

When the first skimming vessel arrives on scene, a complete site assessment will be conducted before recovery operations begin. Once it is confirmed that the air monitoring readings for O<sub>2</sub>, LEL, H<sub>2</sub>S, CO, VOC, and Benzene are all within the permissible limits, oil recovery operations may begin.

As skimming vessels arrive, they will be organized to work in areas that allow for the most efficient vessel operation and free vessel movement in the recovery of oil. Vessel groups will vary in structure as determined by the Operations Section of the Unified Command, but will generally consist, at a minimum, of the following dedicated assets:

- 3 to 5 – Offshore skimming vessels (recovery)
- 1 – Tank barge (temporary storage)
- 1 – Air asset (tactical direction)
- 2 – Support vessels (crew/utility for supply)
- 6 to 10 – Boom vessels (enhanced booming )

***Example** (Note: Actual organization of TFs will be dependent on several factors including, asset availability, weather, spilled oil migration, currents, etc.)*

The 95' FRV Breton Island out of Venice arrives on scene and conducts an initial site assessment. Air monitoring levels are acceptable and no other visual threats have been observed. The area is cleared for safe skimming operations. The Breton Island assumes command and control (CoC) of on-water recovery operations until a dedicated non-skimming vessel arrives to relieve it of those duties.

A second 95' FRV arrives and begins recovery operations alongside the Breton Island. Several more vessels begin to arrive, including a third 95' FRV out of Galveston, the HOSS Barge (High Volume Open Sea Skimming System) out of Harvey, a boom barge (CGA 300) with 25,000' of 42" auto boom out of Leeville, and 9 Fast Response Units (FRUs) from the load-out location at C-Port in Port Fourchon.

As these vessels set up and begin skimming, they are grouped into task forces (TFs) as directed by the Operations Section of the Unified Command located at the command post.

Initial set-up and potential actions:

- A 1,000 meter safety zone has been established around the incident location for vessels involved in Source Control
- The HOSS Barge is positioned facing the incident location just outside of this safety zone or at the point where the freshest oil is reaching the surface
- The HOSS Barge engages its Oil Spill Detection (OSD) system to locate the heaviest oil and maintains that ability for 24-hour operations

- The HOSS Barge deploys 1,320' of 67" Sea Sentry boom on each side, creating a swath width of 800'
- The Breton Island and H.I. Rich skim nearby, utilizing the same OSD systems as the HOSS Barge to locate and recover oil
- Two FRUs join this group and it becomes TF1
- The remaining 7 FRUs are split into a 2 and 3 vessel task force numbered TF2 and TF3
- A 95' FRV is placed in each TF
- The boom barge (CGA 300) is positioned nearby and begins deploying auto boom in sections between two utility vessels (1,000' to 3,000' of boom, depending on conditions) with chain-link gates in the middle to funnel oil to the skimmers
- The initial boom support vessels position in front of TF2 and TF3
- A 100,000+ barrel offshore tank barge is placed with each task force as necessary to facilitate the immediate offload of skimming vessels

The initial task forces (36 hours in) may be structured as follows:

#### **TF 1**

- 1 – 95' FRV
- 1 – HOSS Barge with 3 tugs
- 2 – FRUs
- 1 – 100,000+ barrel tank barge and associated tug(s)
- 1 – Dedicated air asset for tactical direction
- 8 – 500' sections of auto boom with gates
- 8 – Boom-towing vessels
- 2 – Support vessels (crew/utility)

#### **TF 2**

- 1 – 95' FRV
- 4 – FRUs
- 1 – 100,000+ barrel tank barge and associated tug(s)
- 1 – Dedicated air asset for tactical direction
- 10 – 500' sections of auto boom with gates
- 10 – Boom-towing vessels
- 2 – Support vessels (crew/utility)

#### **TF 3**

- 1 – 95' FRV
- 3 – FRUs
- 1 – 100,000+ barrel tank barge and associated tug(s)
- 1 – Dedicated air asset for tactical direction
- 8 – 500' sections of auto boom with gates
- 8 – Boom-towing vessels
- 2 – Support vessels (crew/utility)

Offshore skimming equipment continues to arrive in accordance with the ETA data listed in figure H.3a; this equipment includes 2 AquaGuard skimmers and 11 sets of Koseq Rigid Skimming Arms. These high volume heavy weather capable systems will be divided into functional groups and assigned to specific areas by the Operations Section of the Unified Command.

At this point of the response, the additional TFs may assume the following configurations:

**TF 4**

- 2 – Sets of Koseq Rigid Skimming Arms w/ associated 200'+ PIDVs
- 1 – AquaGuard Skimmer
- 1 – 100,000+ barrel tank barge and associated tug(s)
- 1 – Dedicated air asset for tactical direction
- 2 – Support vessels (crew/utility)
- 6 – 500' sections of auto boom with gates
- 6 – Boom-towing vessels

**TF 5**

- 3 – Sets of Koseq Rigid Skimming Arms w/ associated 200'+ PIDVs
- 1 – AquaGuard Skimmer
- 1 – 100,000+ barrel tank barge and associated tug(s)
- 1 – Dedicated air asset for tactical direction
- 2 – Support vessels (crew/utility)
- 8 – 500' sections of auto boom with gates
- 8 – Boom-towing vessels

**TF 6**

- 3 – Sets of Koseq Rigid Skimming Arms w/ associated 200'+ PIDVs
- 1 – 100,000+ barrel tank barge and associated tug(s)
- 1 – Dedicated air asset for tactical direction
- 2 – Support vessels (crew/utility)
- 6 – 500' sections of auto boom with gates
- 6 – Boom-towing vessels

**TF 7**

- 3 – Sets of Koseq Rigid Skimming Arms w/ associated 200'+ PIDVs
- 1 – 100,000+ barrel tank barge and associated tug(s)
- 1 – Dedicated air asset for tactical direction
- 2 – Support vessels (crew/utility)
- 6 – 500' sections of auto boom with gates
- 6 – Boom-towing vessels

### CGA Minimum Acceptable Capabilities for Vessels of Opportunity (VOO)

Minimum acceptable capabilities of Petroleum Industry Designed Vessels (PIDV) for conducting Vessel of Opportunity (VOO) skimming operations are shown in the table below. PIDVs are “purpose-built” to provide normal support to offshore oil and gas operators. They include but are not limited to utility boats, offshore supply vessels, etc. They become VOOs when tasked with oil spill response duties.

Capability	FRU	KOSEQ	AquaGuard
Type of Vessel	Utility Boat	Offshore Supply Vessel	Utility Boat
<b>Operating parameters</b>			
Sea State	3-5 ft max	9.8 ft max	3-5 ft max
Skimming speed	≤1 kt	≤3 kts	≤1 kt
<b>Vessel size</b>			
Minimum Length	100 ft	200 ft	100 ft
Deck space for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tank(s)</li> <li>• Crane(s)</li> <li>• Boom Reels</li> <li>• Hydraulic Power Units</li> <li>• Equipment Boxes</li> </ul>	18x32 ft	100x40 ft	18x32 ft
<b>Communication Assets</b>	Marine Band Radio	Marine Band Radio	Marine Band Radio

**Tactical use of Vessels of Opportunity (VOO):** LLOG will take all possible measures to maximize the oil-to-skimmer encounter rate of all skimming systems, to include VOOs, as discussed in this section. VOOs will normally be placed within an On-water recovery unit as shown in figures below.

**Skimming Operations:** PIDVs are the preferred VOO skimming platform. OSROs are more versed in operating on these platforms and the vessels are generally large enough with crews more likely versed in spill response operations. They also have a greater possibility of having on-board storage capacity and the most likely vessels to be under contract, and therefore more readily available to the operator. These vessels would normally be assigned to an on-water recovery group/division (see figure below) and outfitted with a VOSS suited for their size and capabilities. Specific tactics used for skimming operations would be dependent upon many parameters which include, but are not limited to, safety concerns, weather, type VOSS on board, product being recovered, and area of oil coverage. Planners would deploy these assets with the objective of safely maximizing oil-to-skimmer encounter rate by taking actions to minimize non-skimming time and maximizing boom swath. Specific tactical configurations are shown in figures below.

**The Fast Response Unit (FRU):** A self-contained, skid based, skimming system that is deployed from the right side of a vessel of opportunity (VOO). An outrigger holds a 75' long section of air inflatable boom in place that directs oil to an apex for recovery via a Foilex 250 weir skimmer. The outrigger creates roughly a 40' swath width dependent on the VOO beam. The lip of the collection bowl on the skimmer is placed as close to the oil and water interface as possible to maximize oil recovery and minimize water retention. The skimmer then pumps all fluids recovered to the storage tank where it is allowed to settle, and with the approval of the Coast Guard, the water is decanted from the bottom of the tank back into the water ahead of the containment boom to be recycled through the system. Once the tank is full of as much pure recovered oil as possible it is offloaded to a storage barge for disposal in accordance with an approved disposal plan. A second 100 barrel storage tank can be added if the appropriate amount of deck space is available to use as secondary storage.

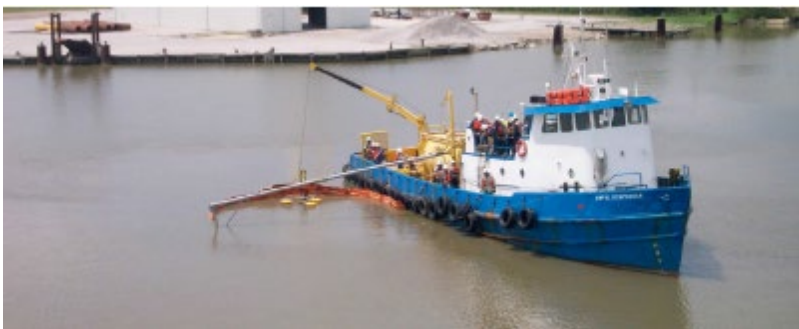
### **Tactical Overview**

*Mechanical Recovery* – The FRU is designed to provide fast response skimming capability in the offshore and nearshore environment in a stationary or advancing mode. It provides a rated daily recovery capacity of 4,100 barrels. An additional boom reel with 440' of offshore boom can be deployed along with the FRU, and a second support vessel for boom towing, to extend the swath width when attached to the end of the fixed boom. The range and sustainability offshore is dependent on the VOO that the unit is placed on, but generally these can stay offshore for extended periods. The FRU works well independently or assigned with other on-water recovery assets in a task force. In either case, it is most effective when a designated aircraft is assigned to provide tactical direction to ensure the best placement in recoverable oil.

*Maximum Sea Conditions* – Under most circumstances the FRU can maintain standard oil spill recovery operations in 2' to 4' seas. Ultimately, the Coast Guard licensed Captain in charge of the VOO (with input from the CGAS Supervisor assigned) will be responsible to determine when the sea conditions have surpassed the vessel's safe operating capabilities.

### **Possible Task Force Configuration** (Multiple VOOs can be deployed in a task force)

- 1 – VOO (100' to 165' Utility or Supply Vessel)
- 1 – Boom reel w/support vessel for towing
- 1 – Tank barge (offshore) for temporary storage
- 1 – Utility/Crewboat (supply)
- 1 – Designated spotter aircraft



**The VOSS (yellow) is being deployed and connected to an out-rigged arm. This is suitable for collection in both large pockets of oil and for recovery of streaming oil. The oil-to-skimmer encounter rate is limited by the length of the arm. Skimming pace is  $\leq 1$  knot.**



**Through the use of an additional VOO, and using extended sea boom, the swath of the VOSS is increased therefore maximizing the oil-to-skimmer encounter rate. Skimming pace is  $\leq 1$  knot.**

**The Koseq Rigid Sweeping Arm:** A skimming system deployed on a vessel of opportunity. It requires a large Offshore or Platform Supply Vessel (OSV/PSV), greater than 200' with at least 100' x 50' of free deck space. On each side of the vessel, a 50' long rigid framed Arm is deployed that consists of pontoon chambers to provide buoyancy, a smooth nylon face, and a hydraulically adjustable mounted weir skimmer. The Arm floats independently of the vessel and is attached by a tow bridle and a lead line. The movement of the vessel forward draws the rubber end seal of the arm against the hull to create a collection point for free oil directed to the weir by the Arm face. The collection weir is adjusted to keep the lip as close to the oil water interface as possible to maximize oil recovery while attempting to minimize excess water collection. A transfer pump (combination of positive displacement, screw type and centrifuge suited for highly viscous oils) pump the recovered liquid to portable tanks and/or dedicated fixed storage tanks onboard the vessel. After being allowed to sit and separate, with approval from the Coast Guard, the water can be decanted (pumped off) in front of the collection arm to be reprocessed through the system. Once full with as much pure recovered oil as possible, the oil is transferred to a temporary storage barge where it can be disposed of in accordance with an approved disposal plan.

## **Tactical Overview**

*Mechanical Recovery* – Deployed on large vessels of opportunity (VOO) the Koseq Rigid Sweeping Arms are high volume surge capacity deployed to increase recovery capacity at the source of a large oil spill in the offshore and outer nearshore environment of the Gulf of Mexico. They are highly mobile and sustainable in rougher sea conditions than normal skimming vessels (9.8' seas). The large Offshore Supply Vessels (OSV) required to deploy the Arms are able to remain on scene for extended periods, even when sea conditions pick up. Temporary storage on deck in portable tanks usually provides between 1,000 and 3,000 bbls. In most cases, the OSV will be able to pump 20% of its deadweight into the liquid mud tanks in accordance with the vessels Certificate of Inspection (COI). All storage can be offloaded utilizing the vessels liquid transfer system.

*Maximum Sea Conditions* - Under most circumstances the larger OSVs are capable of remaining on scene well past the Skimming Arms maximum sea state of 9.8'. Ultimately it will be the decision of the VOO Captain, with input from the T&T Supervisor onboard, to determine when the sea conditions have exceeded the safe operating conditions of the vessel.

*Command and Control* – The large OSVs in many cases have state of the art communication and electronic systems, as well as the accommodations to support the function of directing all skimming operations offshore and reporting back to the command post.

**Possible Task Force Configuration** (Multiple Koseq VOOs can be deployed in a task force)

1 –  $\geq$  200' Offshore Supply Vessels (OSV) with set of Koseq Arms

2 to 4 portable storage tanks (500 bbl)

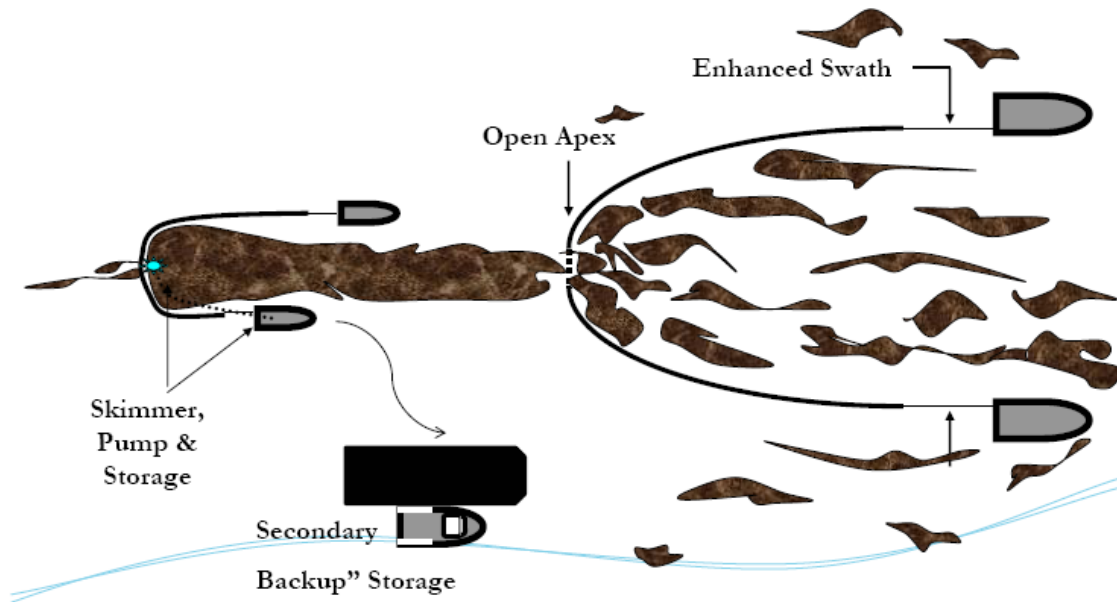
1 – Modular Crane Pedestal System set (MCPS) or 30 cherry picker (crane) for deployment

1 – Tank barge (offshore) for temporary storage

1 – Utility/Crewboat (supply)

1 – Designated spotter aircraft

4 – Personnel (4 T&T OSRO)



Scattered oil is “caught” by two VOO and collected at the apex of the towed sea boom. The oil moves through a “gate” at that apex, forming a larger stream of oil which moves into the boom of the skimming vessel. Operations are paced at  $>1$ . A recovered oil barge stationed nearby to minimize time taken to offload recovered oil.



This is a depiction of the same operation as above but using KOSEQ Arms. In this configuration, the collecting boom speed dictates the operational pace at  $\geq 1$  knot to minimize entrainment of the oil.



## **Clean Gulf Associates (CGA) Procedure for Accessing Member-Contracted and other Vessels of Opportunity (VOOs) for Spill Response**

- CGA has procedures in place for CGA member companies to acquire vessels of opportunity (VOOs) from an existing CGA member's contracted fleet or other sources for the deployment of CGA portable skimming equipment including Koseq Arms, Fast Response Units (FRUs) and any other portable skimming system(s) deemed appropriate for the response for a potential or actual oil spill, WCD oil spill or a Spill of National Significance (SONS).
- CGA uses Port Vision, a web-based vessel and terminal interface that empowers CGA to track vessels through Automatic Identification System (AIS) and terminal activities using a Geographic Information System (GIS). It provides live AIS/GIS views of waterways showing current vessel positions, terminals, created vessel fleets, and points-of-interest. Through this system, CGA has the ability to get instant snapshots of the location and status of all vessels contracted to CGA members, day or night, from any web-enabled PC.

## Near Shore Response Actions

### *Timing*

- Put near shore assets on standby and deployment in accordance with planning based on the actual situation, actual trajectories and oil budgets
- VOO identification and training in advance of spill nearing shoreline if possible
- Outfitting of VOOs for specific missions
- Deployment of assets based on actual movement of oil

### *Considerations*

- Water depth, vessel draft
- Shoreline gradient
- State of the oil
- Use of VOOs
- Distance of surf zone from shoreline

### *Surveillance*

- Provide trained observer to direct skimming operations
- Continual surveillance of oil movement by remote sensing systems, aerial photography and visual confirmation
- Continual monitoring of vessel assets

### *Dispersant Use*

- Generally will not be approved within 3 miles of shore or with less than 10 meters of water depth
- Approval would be at Regional Response Team level (Region 6)

### *Dedicated Near Shore skimming systems*

- FRVs
- Egmopol and Marco SWS
- Operate with aerial spotter directing systems to observed oil slicks

### *VOO*

- Use LLOG's contracted resources as applicable
- Industry vessel are usually best for deployment of Vessel of Opportunity Skimming Systems (VOSS)
- Acquire additional resources as needed
- Consider use of local assets, i.e. fishing and pleasure craft
- Expect mission specific and safety training to be required
- Plan with the US Coast Guard for vessel inspections
- Operate with aerial spotter directing systems to oil patches

## Shoreline Protection Operations

### *Response Planning Considerations*

- Review appropriate Area Contingency Plan(s)
- Locate and review appropriate Geographic Response and Site Specific Plans
- Refer to appropriate Environmentally Sensitive Area Maps
- Capability for continual analysis of trajectories run periodically during the response
- Environmental risk assessments (ERA) to determine priorities for area protection
- Time to acquire personnel and equipment and their availability
- Refer to the State of Louisiana Initial Oil Spill Response Plan, Deep Water Horizon, dated 2 May 2010, as a secondary reference
- Aerial surveillance of oil movement
- Pre-impact beach cleaning and debris removal
- Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Team (SCAT) operations and reporting procedures
- Boom type, size and length requirements and availability
- Possibility of need for In-situ burning in near shore areas
- Current wildlife situation, especially status of migratory birds and endangered species in the area
- Check for Archeological sites and arrange assistance for the appropriate state agency when planning operations that may impact these areas

### *Placement of boom*

- Position boom in accordance with the information gained from references listed above and based on the actual situation
- Determine areas of natural collection and develop booming strategies to move oil into those areas
- Assess timing of boom placement based on the most current trajectory analysis and the availability of each type of boom needed. Determine an overall booming priority and conduct booming operations accordingly. Consider:
  - Trajectories
  - Weather forecast
  - Oil Impact forecast
  - Verified spill movement
  - Boom, manpower and vessel (shallow draft) availability
  - Near shore boom and support material, (stakes, anchors, line)

### *Beach Preparation - Considerations and Actions*

- Use of a 10 mile go/no go line to determine timing of beach cleaning
- SCAT reports and recommendations
- Determination of archeological sites and gaining authority to enter
- Monitoring of tide tables and weather to determine extent of high tides
- Pre cleaning of beaches by moving waste above high tide lines to minimize waste
- Determination of logistical requirements and arranging of waste removal and disposal

- Staging of equipment and housing of response personnel as close to the job site as possible to maximize on-site work time
- Boom tending, repair, replacement and security (use of local assets may be advantageous)
- Constant awareness of weather and oil movement for resource re-deployment as necessary
- Earthen berms and shoreline protection boom may be considered to protect sensitive inland areas
- Requisitioning of earth moving equipment
- Plan for efficient and safe use of personnel, ensuring:
  - A continual supply of the proper Personal Protective Equipment
  - Heating or cooling areas when needed
  - Medical coverage
  - Command and control systems (i.e. communications)
  - Personnel accountability measures
- Remediation requirements, i.e., replacement of sands, rip rap, etc.
- Availability of surface washing agents and associated protocol requirements for their use (see National Contingency Plan Product Schedule for list of possible agents)
- Discussions with all stakeholders, i.e., land owners, refuge/park managers, and others as appropriate, covering the following:
  - Access to areas
  - Possible response measures and impact of property and ongoing operations
  - Determination of any specific safety concerns
  - Any special requirements or prohibitions
  - Area security requirements
  - Handling of waste
  - Remediation expectations
  - Vehicle traffic control
  - Domestic animal safety concerns
  - Wildlife or exotic game concerns/issues

*Inland and Coastal Marsh Protection and Response  
Considerations and Actions*

- All considered response methods will be weighed against the possible damage they may do to the marsh. Methods will be approved by the Unified Command only after discussions with local Stakeholder, as identified above.
  - In-situ burn may be considered when marshes have been impacted
- Passive clean up of marshes should be considered and appropriate stocks of sorbent boom and/or sweep obtained.
- Response personnel must be briefed on methods to traverse the marsh, i.e.,
  - use of appropriate vessel
  - use of temporary walkways or road ways
- Discuss and gain approval prior cutting or moving vessels through vegetation
- Discuss use of vessels that may disturb wildlife, i.e., airboats
- Safe movement of vessels through narrow cuts and blind curves

- Consider the possibility that no response in a marsh may be best
- In the deployment of any response asset, actions will be taken to ensure the safest, most efficient operations possible. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - Placement of recovered oil or waste storage as near to vessels or beach cleanup crews as possible.
  - Planning for stockage of high use items for expeditious replacement
  - Housing of personnel as close to the work site as possible to minimize travel time
  - Use of shallow water craft
  - Use of communication systems appropriate ensure command and control of assets
  - Use of appropriate boom in areas that I can offer effective protection
  - Planning of waste collection and removal to maximize cleanup efficiency
- Consideration or on-site remediation of contaminated soils to minimize replacement operations and impact on the area

### **Decanting Strategy**

Recovered oil and water mixtures will typically separate into distinct phases when left in a quiescent state. When separation occurs, the relatively clean water phase can be siphoned or decanted back to the recovery point with minimal, if any, impact. Decanting therefore increases the effective on-site oil storage capacity and equipment operating time. FOSC/SOSC approval will be requested prior to decanting operations. This practice is routinely used for oil spill recovery.

### **CGA Equipment Limitations**

The capability for any spill response equipment, whether a dedicated or portable system, to operate in differing weather conditions will be directly in relation to the capabilities of the vessel the system is placed on. Most importantly, however, the decision to operate will be based on the judgment of the Unified Command and/or the Captain of the vessel, who will ultimately have the final say in terminating operations. Skimming equipment listed below may have operational limits which exceed those safety thresholds. As was seen in the Deepwater Horizon (DWH) oil spill response, vessel skimming operations ceased when seas reached 5-6 feet and vessels were often recalled to port when those conditions were exceeded. Systems below are some of the most up-to-date systems available and were employed during the DWH spill.

Boom	3 foot seas, 20 knot winds
Dispersants	Winds more than 25 knots Visibility less than 3 nautical miles Ceiling less than 1,000 feet.
FRU	8 foot seas
HOSS Barge/OSRB	8 foot seas
Koseq Arms	8 foot seas
OSRV	4 foot seas

### **Environmental Conditions in the GOM**

Prevailing winds, waves and currents along the Texas coast are from the southeast and northeast quadrants. Ten to 20 foot waves may occur during hurricanes. The combined effect of the winds, surface currents, and waves refracting shoreward produce the prevailing westerly longshore currents.

Tides are semi-diurnal and diurnal, and range in height from less than 1 foot to 2.5 feet. The direction, force, and duration of the wind has a considerable effect on the tides and currents. Fifteen foot tides may be expected during severe hurricanes and very low tides may accompany strong northerlies of long duration.

Surface water temperature averages slightly less than 90° F and ranges between 80 and 100° F during the late summer. During the winter the average is slightly less than 60° F and the range is between 35 and 80° F.

Louisiana is situated between the easterly and westerly wind belts, and therefore, experiences westerly winds during the winter and easterly winds in the summer. Average wind speed is generally 14-15 mph along the coast. Wave heights average 4 and 5 feet. However, during hurricane season, Louisiana has recorded wave heights ranging from 40 to 50 feet high and winds reaching speeds of 100 mph. Because much of southern Louisiana lies below sea level, flooding is prominent.

Surface water temperature ranges between 70 and 80° F during the summer months. During the winter, the average temperature will range from 50 and 60° F.

The Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico hurricane season is officially from 1 June to 30 November. 97% of all tropical activity occurs within this window. The Atlantic basin shows a very peaked season from August through October, with 78% of the tropical storm days, 87% of the minor (Saffir-Simpson Scale categories 1 and 2) hurricane days, and 96% of the major (Saffir-Simpson categories 3, 4 and 5) hurricane days occurring then. Maximum activity is in early to mid September. Once in a few years there may be a hurricane occurring "out of season" - primarily in May or December. Globally, September is the most active month and May is the least active month.

**FIGURE 1  
TRAJECTORY BY LAND SEGMENT**

<p>Trajectory of a spill and the probability of it impacting a land segment have been projected utilizing LLOG's WCD and information in the BOEM Oil Spill Risk Analysis Model (OSRAM) for the Central and Western Gulf of Mexico available on the BOEM website using 30 day impact. The results are tabulated below.</p>				
Area/Block	OCS-G	Launch Area	Land Segment and/or Resource	Conditional Probability (%)
<p align="center"><b>GC 953, Well Location A</b></p> <p align="center"><i>141 statute miles from shore</i></p>	<p align="center">G36062</p>	<p align="center">C46</p>	Matagorda, TX	1
			Brazoria, TX	1
			Galveston, TX	2
			Jefferson, TX	1
			<b>Cameron, LA</b>	<b>3</b>
			Vermilion, LA	1
			Terrebonne, LA	1
			Lafourche, LA	1
			<b>Plaquemines, LA</b>	<b>3</b>



**WCD Scenario– BASED ON WELL BLOWOUT DURING DRILLING OPERATIONS (141 statute miles from shore)**  
 123,529 bbls of crude oil (Volume considering natural weathering)  
 API Gravity 25.7°

**FIGURE 2 – Equipment Response Time to GC 953, Well Location A**

*Dispersants/Surveillance*

Dispersant/Surveillance	Dispersant Capacity (gal)	Persons Req.	From	Hrs to Procure	Hrs to Loadout	Travel to site	Total Hrs
ASI							
Basler 67T	2000	2	Houma	2	2	0.9	4.9
DC 3	1200	2	Houma	2	2	1.2	5.2
DC 3	1200	2	Houma	2	2	1.2	5.2
Aero Commander	NA	2	Houma	2	2	0.9	4.9

*Offshore Response*

Offshore Equipment Pre-Determined Staging	EDRC	Storage Capacity	VOO	Persons Required	From	Hrs to Procure	Hrs to Loadout	Hrs to GOM	Travel to Spill Site	Hrs to Deploy	Total Hrs
CGA											
HOSS Barge	76285	4000	3 Tugs	12	Harvey	6	0	12	18	2	38
95' FRV	22885	249	NA	6	Leeville	2	0	2	7	1	12
95' FRV	22885	249	NA	6	Vermilion	2	0	3	8	1	14
95' FRV	22885	249	NA	6	Venice	2	0	3	7	1	13
Boom Barge (CGA-300) 42" Auto Boom (25000')	NA	NA	1 Tug 50 Crew	4 (Barge) 2 (Per Crew)	Leeville	8	0	4	20	2	34
Enterprise Marine Services LLC (Available through contract with CGA)											
CTCo 2603	NA	25000	1 Tug	6	Amelia	20	0	6	21	1	48
CTCo 2607	NA	23000	1 Tug	6	Amelia	20	0	6	21	1	48
CTCo 2608	NA	23000	1 Tug	6	Amelia	20	0	6	21	1	48
CTCo 2609	NA	23000	1 Tug	6	Amelia	20	0	6	21	1	48
CTCo 5001	NA	47000	1 Tug	6	Amelia	20	0	6	21	1	48

**Staging Area: Fourchon**

Offshore Equipment With Staging	EDRC	Storage Capacity	VOO	Persons Req.	From	Hrs to Procure	Hrs to Loadout	Travel to Staging	Travel to Site	Hrs to Deploy	Total Hrs
CGA											
Hydro-Fire Boom	NA	NA	8 Utility	40	Harvey	0	24	3	12	6	45

*Nearshore Response*

Nearshore Equipment Pre-determined Staging	EDRC	Storage Capacity	VOO	Persons Required	From	Hrs to Procure	Hrs to Loadout	Hrs to GOM	Travel to Spill Site	Hrs to Deploy	Total Hrs
CGA											
46' FRV	15257	65	NA	4	Vermilion	2	0	2	2.5	1	7.5
46' FRV	15257	65	NA	4	Venice	2	0	2	11	1	16
Enterprise Marine Services LLC (Available through contract with CGA)											
CTCo 2604	NA	20000	1 Tug	6	Amelia	26	0	6	15	1	48
CTCo 2605	NA	20000	1 Tug	6	Amelia	26	0	6	15	1	48
CTCo 2606	NA	20000	1 Tug	6	Amelia	26	0	6	15	1	48

**Staging Area: Cameron**

Nearshore Equipment With Staging	EDRC	Storage Capacity	VOO	Persons Req.	From	Hrs to Procure	Hrs to Load Out	Travel to Staging	Travel to Deployment	Hrs to Deploy	Total Hrs
CGA											
SWS Egmopol	1810	100	NA	3	Galveston	2	2	5	2	1	12
SWS Egmopol	1810	100	NA	3	Morgan City	2	2	4.5	2	1	11.5
SWS Marco	3588	20	NA	3	Vermilion	2	2	2	2	1	9
SWS Marco	3588	34	NA	3	Leeville	2	2	7	2	1	14
SWS Marco	3588	34	NA	3	Venice	2	2	9.5	2	1	16.5
Foilex Skim Package (TDS 150)	1131	50	1 Utility	3	Vermilion	4	12	2	2	2	22
Foilex Skim Package (TDS 150)	1131	50	1 Utility	3	Galveston	4	12	5	2	2	25
Foilex Skim Package (TDS 150)	1131	50	1 Utility	3	Harvey	4	12	7	2	2	27
4 Drum Skimmer (Magnum 100)	680	100	1 Crew	3	Vermilion	2	2	2	2	1	9
4 Drum Skimmer (Magnum 100)	680	100	1 Crew	3	Harvey	2	2	7	2	1	14
2 Drum Skimmer (TDS 118)	240	100	1 Crew	3	Vermilion	2	2	2	2	1	9
2 Drum Skimmer (TDS 118)	240	100	1 Crew	3	Harvey	2	2	7	2	1	14

*Shoreline Protection*

**Staging Area: Cameron**

Shoreline Protection Boom	VOO	Persons Req.	Storage/Warehouse Location	Hrs to Procure	Hrs to Loadout	Travel to Staging	Travel to Deployment	Hrs to Deploy	Total Hrs
AMPOL (available through MSA)									
34,050' 18" Boom	13 Crew	26	New Iberia, LA	2	2	3.5	2	12	21.5
12,850' 18" Boom	7 Crew	14	Chalmette, LA	2	2	7.5	2	6	19.5
900' 18" Boom	1 Crew	2	Morgan City, LA	2	2	5	2	2	13
3,200' 18" Boom	2 Crew	4	Venice, LA	2	2	9	2	2	17
12,750' 18" Boom	7 Crew	14	Port Arthur, TX	2	2	1.5	2	6	13.5
OMI Environmental (available through MSA)									
14,000' 18" Boom	6 Crew	12	Belle Chasse, LA	1	1	8	2	3	15
2,000' 18" Boom	1 Crew	2	Galliano, LA	1	1	7	2	3	14
1,800' 18" Boom	1 Crew	2	Gonzalez, LA	1	1	8	2	3	15
11,800' 18" Boom	5 Crew	10	Harvey, LA	1	1	7	2	3	14
2,000' 18" Boom	2 Crew	4	Houma, LA	1	1	7	2	3	14
2,400' 18" Boom	2 Crew	4	Morgan City, LA	1	1	5	2	3	12
3,800' 18" Boom	2 Crew	4	New Iberia, LA	1	1	4	2	3	11
2,300' 18" Boom	2 Crew	4	Port Allen, LA	1	1	5	2	3	12
1,500' 18" Boom	1 Crew	2	Venice, LA	1	1	9	2	3	16
19,000' 18" Boom	6 Crew	12	Deer Park, TX	1	1	4	2	3	11
11,000' 18" Boom	5 Crew	10	La Marque, TX	1	1	4	2	3	11
20,000' 18" Boom	6 Crew	12	Port Arthur, TX	1	1	2	2	3	9

Wildlife Response	EDRC	Storage Capacity	VOO	Persons Req.	From	Hrs to Procure	Hrs to Loadout	Travel to Staging	Travel to Deployment	Hrs to Deploy	Total Hrs
CGA											
Wildlife Support Trailer	NA	NA	NA	2	Harvey	2	2	7	1	2	14
Bird Scare Guns (24)	NA	NA	NA	2	Harvey	2	2	7	1	2	14
Bird Scare Guns (12)	NA	NA	NA	2	Galveston	2	2	5	1	2	12
Bird Scare Guns (12)	NA	NA	NA	2	Aransas Pass	2	2	9.5	1	2	16.5
Bird Scare Guns (48)	NA	NA	NA	2	Vermilion	2	2	2	1	2	9
Bird Scare Guns (24)	NA	NA	NA	2	Leeville	2	2	7	1	2	14

Response Asset	Total
Offshore EDRC	144,940
Offshore Recovered Oil Capacity	145,747
Nearshore / Shallow Water EDRC	50,131
Nearshore / Shallow Water Recovered Oil Capacity	60,968

***APPENDIX I***  
**ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING INFORMATION**  
**(30 CFR PART 550.221 AND 550.252)**

**A. Monitoring Systems**

LLOG subscribes to StormGeo Weather Service which provides access to real-time weather conditions and provides periodic updates on impending inclement weather conditions such as tropical depressions, storms and/or hurricanes entering the Gulf of Mexico.

LLOG also relies on the National Weather Service to support the aforementioned subscribed service. During impending inclement weather conditions, LLOG closely coordinates the activity with our contractors and field personnel to ensure the safety of people for evacuation; measures to prepare the facility for evacuation to ensure protection of the environment and the facility/equipment.

Green Canyon Block 953 are in water depths greater than 400 meters (1,312’); therefore LLOG will follow the guidelines of the applicable NTL 2018-G01 by monitoring and gathering ocean current data using Acoustic Doppler Current Profile (ADCP) while the MODU is on location.

**B. Incidental Takes**

LLOG is sensitive to the marine life and the environment we work in, especially regarding activities in or around the moon pool. LLOG will implement and adhere to, the BSEE NTL No. 2015-G03 “Marine Trash and Debris Awareness Training and Elimination” and BOEM NTL No. 2016-G01 “Vessel Strike Avoidance and Injured/Dead Protected Species Reporting”, and BOEM NTL No. 2016-G02 “Implementation of Seismic Survey Mitigation Measures and Protected Species Observer Program”. Moon pool daily observation log shall be maintained on the bridge. The deck supervisor on tour shall go to the bridge and log time, date, and results of each moon pool inspection. STOP WORK AUTHORITY shall be used and implemented, in a safe and timely manner, for any work that could affect marine life listed on the Endangered Species Act.

LLOG will operate in accordance with the regulations, agency guidance, and Appendix B of the National Marine Fisheries Service Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 Biological Opinion, and also avoid accidental loss of solid waste items by maintaining waste management plans, manifesting trash sent to shore, and using special precautions such as covering outside trash bins to prevent accidental loss of solid waste. Special caution will be exercised when handling and disposing of small items and packaging materials, particularly those made of non-biodegradable, environmentally persistent

materials such as plastic or glass. LLOG will collect and remove flotsam resulting from activities related to proposed operations.

Informational placards will be posted on all vessels and facilities having sleeping or food preparation capabilities. All offshore personnel, including contractors and other support services-related personnel (e.g. helicopter pilots, vessel captains and boat crews) will be indoctrinated on waste procedures, and will view the video (or Microsoft PowerPoint presentation), “Think About It” (previously “All Washed Up: The Beach Litter Problem”). Thereafter, all personnel will view the marine trash and debris training video annually. Offshore personnel will also receive an explanation from LLOG management or the designated lease operator management that emphasizes their commitment to waste management in accordance with NTL No. 2015-G03-BSEE.

Contract vessel operators can avoid marine mammals and reduce potential deaths by maintaining a vigilant watch for marine mammals and maintaining a safe distance of 91 meters or greater from whales and a distance of 45 meters or greater from small cetaceans. When assemblages of cetaceans are observed vessel speeds will be reduced to 10 knots or less. Vessel personnel should use a Gulf of Mexico reference guide to help identify the twenty-one species of whales and dolphins, and the single species of manatee that may be encountered in the Gulf of Mexico OCS. Contract vessel operators will comply with the measures included in Appendix C of the NMFS Biological Opinion, BOEM NTL 2016-G01 “Vessel Strike Avoidance and Injured/Dead Protected Species Reporting” and requirements of the Protected Species Lease Stipulation, except under extraordinary circumstances when the safety of the vessel or crew is in doubt or the safety of life at sea is in question.

Vessel personnel must report sightings of any injured or dead protected marine mammal species immediately, regardless of whether the injury or death is caused by their vessel, to the NMFS Southeast Marine Mammal Stranding Hotline at (877) WHALE-HELP (877-942-5343). Additional information may be found at the following website:

(<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/report>). Any injured or dead protected species should also be reported to [takereport.nmfs@noaa.gov](mailto:takereport.nmfs@noaa.gov). In addition, if the injury or death was caused by a collision with the operator’s vessel, an entrapment within the operator’s equipment or vessel (e.g. moon pool), or an entanglement within the operator’s equipment, the operator must further notify BOEM and BSEE within 24 hours of the strike or entrapment/entanglement by email to [protectedspecies@boem.gov](mailto:protectedspecies@boem.gov) and [protectedspecies@bsee.gov](mailto:protectedspecies@bsee.gov). If the vessel is the responsible party, it is required to remain available to assist the respective salvage and stranding network as needed.

These proposed operations may utilize a moon pool(s) to conduct various subsea activities. LLOG’s contractor or company representative will provide a dedicated crew member to monitor and continually survey the moon pool area during the operations for sea turtles. If any sea turtle is detected in the moon pool, LLOG will cease operations and contact NMFS at [nmfs.psoreview@noaa.gov](mailto:nmfs.psoreview@noaa.gov) and BSEE at [protectedspecies@bsee.gov](mailto:protectedspecies@bsee.gov) and 985-722-7902 for additional guidance and incidental report information. The procedures found in Appendix J of the NMFS Biological Opinion will be employed to free entrapped or entangled marine life safely.

The specific rig that will be used in the proposed operations has not been identified. A deepwater drilling rig, most likely a dual activity dynamically positioned Drillship with a moonpool will be necessary for the operations. Moonpools on Drillships range in size from 35ft to 45ft in width and 70ft to 130ft in length. The moonpool, located underneath the drilling rig rotary floor, is open to the sea below to allow for passage of wellbore equipment necessary for the construction of the well on the seafloor.

The proposed operations covered by this plan include the drilling and completion of one well. The estimated time to conduct these operations through the moonpool involves approximately 90 drilling days and 90 completion days for the well.

The initial start of each drilling operation consists of 7 days of riserless drilling operations where the drilling tools are tripped in and out through the moonpool to the seabed to drill and install the conductor and surface casings and the subsea wellhead which will be installed 10 feet above the seafloor. After the wellhead is in place and included in this initial 7 day time frame, the Blowout Preventer (BOP) will be run on joints of riser through the moonpool and the BOP will be latched onto the wellhead with the joints of riser pipe extending through the moonpool and connected to the rig floor. The remainder of the drilling operations (83 days) will be conducted through the inside of the riser pipe. The riser pipe will be the only equipment utilized through the moonpool during this time frame. At the end of the drilling operation, the riser and BOP will be retrieved by pulling the equipment through the moonpool and storing on the rig.

The completion operations will involve running the BOP and riser through the moonpool and latching the BOP to the wellhead with joints of riser pipe extending through the moonpool and connected to the rig floor. The entire completion operation will be conducted through the inside of the riser pipe. The riser pipe will be the only equipment utilized through the moonpool during this operation. At the end of the completion, the BOP and riser will be retrieved by pulling the equipment through the moonpool and storing on the rig. The estimated 90 completion days includes 2 days to run the BOP and riser and 2 days to retrieve the equipment.

### **C. Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary**

This section of the plan is not applicable to the proposed operations.

**APPENDIX J**  
**LEASE STIPULATIONS/SPECIAL CONDITIONS INFORMATION**  
**(30 CFR PART 550.222 AND 550.253)**

**A. Lease Stipulations**

**Stipulation No. 3 - Military Areas**

- A. Hold and Save Harmless Whether compensation for such damage or injury might be due under a theory of strict or absolute liability or otherwise, the lessee assumes all risks of damage or injury to persons or property that occur in, on, or above the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), and to any persons or to any property of any person or persons who are agents, employees, or invitees of the lessee, its agents, independent contractors, or subcontractors doing business with the lessee in connection with any activities being performed by the lessee in, on, or above the OCS, if such injury or damage to such person or property occurs by reason of the activities of any agency of the United States (U.S.) Government, its contractors or subcontractors, or any of its officers, agents, or employees, being conducted as a part of, or in connection with, the programs and activities of the command headquarters listed below in Section C. Operational. Notwithstanding any limitation of the lessee's liability in Section 14 of the lease, the lessee assumes this risk whether such injury or damage is caused in whole or in part by any act or omission, regardless of negligence or fault, of the U.S. Government, its contractors or subcontractors, or any of its officers, agents, or employees. The lessee further agrees to indemnify and save harmless the U.S. Government against all claims for loss, damage, or injury sustained by the lessee, or to indemnify and save harmless the U.S. Government against all claims for loss, damage, or injury sustained by the agents, employees, or invitees of the lessee, its agents, or any independent contractors or subcontractors doing business with the lessee in connection with the programs and activities of the aforementioned military installation, whether the same be caused in whole or in part by the negligence or fault of the U.S. Government, its contractors, or subcontractors, or any of its officers, agents, or employees and whether such claims might be sustained under a theory of strict or absolute liability or otherwise.
- B. Electromagnetic Emissions The lessee agrees to control its own electromagnetic emissions and those of its agents, employees, invitees, independent contractors, or subcontractors emanating from individual designated defense warning areas in accordance with requirements specified by the commander of the command headquarters listed in the following table to the degree necessary to prevent damage to, or unacceptable interference with, Department of Defense flight, testing, or operational activities conducted within individual designated warning areas. Necessary monitoring control and coordination with the lessee, its agents, employees, invitees, independent contractors, or subcontractors will be effected by the commander of the appropriate onshore military installation conducting operations in the particular warning area, provided, however, that control of such



electromagnetic emissions will in no instance prohibit all manner of electromagnetic communication during any period of time between a lessee, its agents, employees, invitees, independent contractors, or subcontractors, and onshore facilities. C. Operational The lessee, when operating, or causing to be operated on its behalf, a boat, ship, or aircraft traffic in the individual designated warning areas, must enter into an agreement with the commander of the individual Command headquarters shown in the following list, upon utilizing an individual designated warning area prior to commencing such traffic. Such an agreement will provide for positive control of boats, ships, and aircraft operating in the warning areas at all times.

Warning and Water Test Areas

Command Headquarters

W-92

Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility  
Attention: Schedules Officer  
118 Albemare Ave. P.O. Box 40  
Jacksonville, Florida 32212  
Telephone: (904) 542-2113

**Stipulation No. 8 - Protected Species**

- A. The Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) are designed to protect threatened and endangered species and marine mammals and apply to activities on the OCS. The OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331, et seq.) provides that the OCS should be made available for expeditious and orderly development subject to environmental safeguards, in a manner which is consistent with the maintenance of competition and other national needs. Both BOEM and BSEE comply with these laws on the OCS.
- B. The lessee and its operators must:
- 1) Collect and remove flotsam resulting from activities related to exploration, development, and production of this lease;
  - 2) Post signs in prominent places on all vessels and platforms used as a result of activities related to exploration, development, and production of this lease detailing the reasons (legal and ecological) why release of debris must be eliminated;
  - 3) Observe for marine mammals and sea turtles while on vessels, reduce vessel speed to 10 knots or less when assemblages of cetaceans are observed, and maintain a distance of 91 meters or greater from whales and a distance of 45 meters or greater from small cetaceans and sea turtles;
  - 4) Employ mitigation measures prescribed by BOEM/BSEE or the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for all seismic surveys, including the use of an "exclusion zone" based upon the appropriate water depth, ramp-up, and shutdown procedures, visual monitoring, and reporting;

- 5) Identify important habitats, including designated critical habitat, used by listed species (e.g., sea turtle nesting beaches, piping plover critical habitat), in oil spill contingency planning and require the strategic placement of spill cleanup equipment to be used only by personnel trained in less-intrusive cleanup techniques on beaches and bay shores; and
- 6) Immediately report all sightings and locations of injured or dead protected species (e.g., marine mammals and sea turtles) to the appropriate stranding network. If oil and gas industry activity is responsible for the injured or dead animal (e.g., because of a vessel strike), the responsible parties should remain available to assist the stranding network. If the injury or death was caused by a collision with the lessee's vessel, the lessee must notify BSEE within 24 hours of the strike.

BOEM and BSEE issue Notices to Lessees and Operators (NTLs), which more fully describe measures implemented in support of the above-mentioned implementing statutes and regulations, as well as measures identified by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NMFS arising from, among others, conservation recommendations, rulemakings pursuant to the MMPA, or consultation. The lessee and its operators, personnel, and subcontractors, while undertaking activities authorized under this lease, must implement and comply with the specific mitigation measures outlined in BOEM NTL No. 2016-GO 1 (Vessel Strike Avoidance and Injured/Dead Protected Species Reporting), BOEM NTL No. 2016-G02 (Implementation of Seismic Survey Mitigation Measures and Protected Species Observer Program), and BSEE NTL No. 2015-G03 (Marine Trash and Debris Awareness and Elimination). At the lessee's option, the lessee, its operators, personnel, and contractors may comply with the most current measures to protect species in place at the time an activity is undertaken under this lease, including, but not limited to, new or updated versions of the NTLs identified in this paragraph. The lessee and its operators, personnel, and subcontractors will be required to comply with the mitigation measures, identified in the above referenced NTLs, and any additional measures in the conditions of approvals for their plans or permits.

**APPENDIX K**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION MEASURES INFORMATION**  
**(30 CFR Part 550.23 and 550.54)**

**A. Measures Taken to Avoid, Minimize, and Mitigate Impacts**

This section does not apply to the operations as proposed herein.

**B. Incidental Takes**

LLOG is sensitive to the marine life and the environment we work in, especially regarding activities in or around the moon pool. LLOG will implement and adhere to, the BSEE NTL No. 2015-G03 “Marine Trash and Debris Awareness Training and Elimination”; BOEM NTL No. 2016-G01 “Vessel Strike Avoidance and Injured/Dead Protected Species Reporting”; and BOEM NTL No. 2016-G02 “Implementation of Seismic Survey Mitigation Measures and Protected Species Observer Program”. LLOG will also comply with the Appendix B, C & J of the Biological Opinion as further stated in Appendix I of this plan.

*APPENDIX L*  
**RELATED FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS INFORMATION**  
**(30 CFR PART 550.256)**

**A. Produced Liquid Hydrocarbon Transportation Vessels**

Not applicable to proposed operations.

**APPENDIX M**  
**SUPPORT VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT INFORMATION**  
**(30 CFR PART 550.224 AND 550.257)**

**A. General**

Personnel involved in the proposed operations will typically use their own vehicles as transportation to and from the selected onshore base; whereas the selected vendors will transport the equipment by a combination of trucks, boats and/or helicopters to the onshore base. The personnel and equipment will then be transported to the drilling rig via the transportation methods and frequencies shown, taking the most direct route feasible as mandated by weather and traffic conditions. Vessel personnel must report sightings of any injured or dead protected marine mammal species immediately, regardless of whether the injury or death is caused by their vessel, to the NMFS Southeast Marine Mammal Stranding Hotline at (877) WHALE-HELP (877-942-5343). Any injured or dead protected species should also be reported to takereport.nmfs@noaa.gov. In addition, if the injury or death was caused by a collision with the operator’s vessel, an entrapment within the operator’s equipment or vessel (e.g. moon pool), or an entanglement within the operator’s equipment, the operator must further notify BOEM and BSEE within 24 hours of the strike or entrapment / entanglement by email to protectedspecies@boem.gov and protectedspecies@bsee.gov. If the vessel is the responsible party, it is required to remain available to assist the respective salvage and stranding network as needed.

**Drillship and DP Semisubmersible Rig:**

Type	Maximum Fuel Tank Storage Capacity	Maximum No. in Area at Any Time	Trip Frequency or Duration
Supply Boats	500 bbls	1	Six times weekly
Crew Boats	500 bbls	1	Three times weekly
Aircraft	279 gallons	1	As Needed

**B. Diesel Oil Supply Vessels**

Size of Fuel Supply Vessel	Capacity of fuel Supply Vessel	Frequency of Fuel Transfers	Route Fuel Supply Vessel Will Take
180’ OSV	1900 bbls	1/weekly	Fourchon, LA to <b>Green Canyon Block 953</b>

**C. Drilling Fluids Transportation**

See Table 2 – Wastes you will Transport and/or Dispose of Onshore, located in Appendix F of this Plan.

**D. Solid and Liquid Wastes Transportation**

See Table 2 – Wastes you will Transport and/or Dispose of Onshore, located in Appendix F of this Plan.

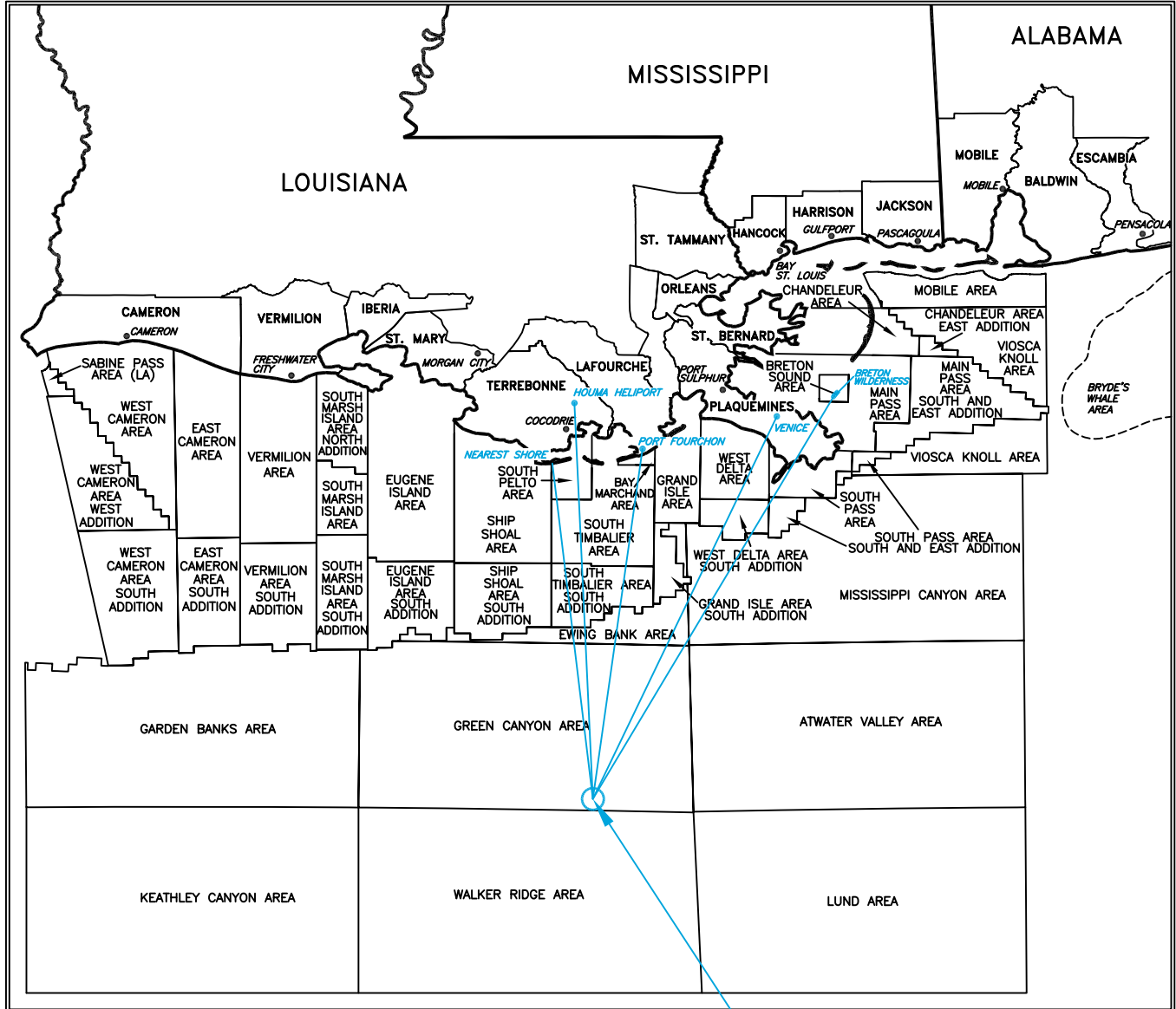
**E. Vicinity Map**

Vicinity Plat showing the location of **Green Canyon Blocks 953** relative to the nearest shoreline and onshore base is included as *Attachment M-1*. Any rigs, vessels, supply boats, etc. utilized for these proposed activities will not transit the Bryde’s whale area.

# **Vicinity Map**

## **Attachment M-1 (Public Information)**



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BOEM O.C.S. LEASING AREAS



**WELLS 'A' & 'A' ALT**

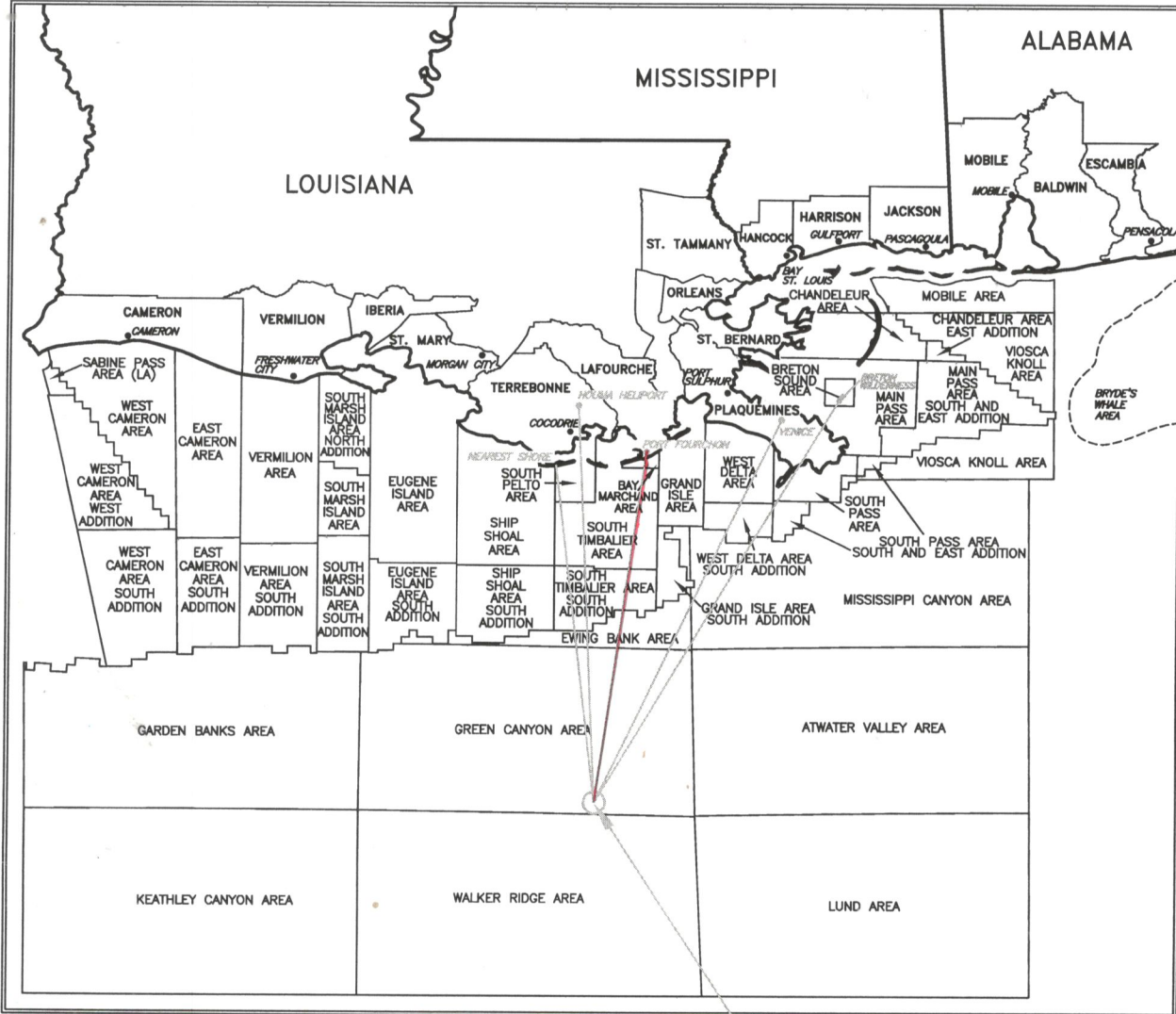
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- ~172 STATUTE (149 NAUTICAL) MILES TO VENICE, LA
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THE DISTANCES SHOWN HEREON ARE FROM THE PROPOSED WELL TO THE NEAREST COASTLINE POINT AS OBTAINED FROM NOAA, ENTITLED NOAA MEDIUM RESOLUTION SHORELINE. <[HTTP://SHORELINE.NOAA.GOV/DATA/DATASHEETS/MEDRES.HTML](http://shoreline.noaa.gov/data/datasheets/medres.html)>

DATUM: NAD 27 SPHEROID: CLARKE 1866 PROJECTION: U.T.M. ZONE: 15		<b>LLOG EXPLORATION OFFSHORE, L.L.C.</b>			
 <b>Echo OFFSHORE LLC</b> 36499 Perkins Road Prairieville, Louisiana 70769 Tel: 225-673-2163		EXPLORATION PLAT PROPOSED WELLS 'A' & 'A' ALT OCS-G 36062 BLOCK 953 GREEN CANYON AREA GULF OF MEXICO			
		DRAWN BY: JFL	DATE: 8/13/2019	CHECKED BY: RJN	DRAWING No.: 18-014 EXP
REV. DATE: 11/5/2020	REV. No.: 1	SCALE: N.T.S.	JOB No.: 18-014-41		



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- Apprx 127 NM @ 9 KTS = 14 HRS

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**APPENDIX N**  
**ONSHORE SUPPORT FACILITIES INFORMATION**  
**(30 CFR PART 550.225 AND 550.258)**

**A. General**

The proposed surface disturbances in **Green Canyon Block 953** will be located approximately 141 statute miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline, and approximately 146 statute miles from the following onshore support base and 177 statute miles from Bristow Heliport in Houma and the proposed surface disturbances:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Existing/New/Modified</b>
GIS Yard	Fourchon, LA	Existing
Bristow US LLC – Heliport	Houma, LA	Existing

LLOG will use an existing onshore base to accomplish the following routine operations:

- Loading/Offloading point for equipment supporting the offshore operations.
- Dispatching personnel and equipment and does not anticipate the need for any expansion of the selected facilities as a result of the activities proposed in this Supplemental Plan.
- Temporary storage for materials and equipment.
- 24 Hour Dispatcher

**B. Support Base Construction or Expansion**

The proposed operations are temporary in nature and do not require any immediate action to acquire additional land or expand existing base facilities.

**C. Support Base Construction or Expansion Timetable**

This section of the plan is not applicable to the proposed operations.

**D. Waste Disposal**

See Table 2 – Wastes you will Transport and/or Dispose of Onshore, located in Appendix F of this Plan.

**APPENDIX O**  
**COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT (CZMA) INFORMATION**  
**(30 CFR PART 550.226 AND 550.260)**

**A. Consistency Certification**

A certificate of Coastal Zone Management Consistency for the State of Louisiana is enclosed as *Attachment O-1*.

**B. Other Information**

LLOG has considered all of Louisiana's enforceable policies and certifies the consistency for the proposed operations.

**Coastal Zone Management Consistency Statement for the  
State of Louisiana**

**Attachment O-1  
(Public Information)**

**COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT CONSISTENCY**  
**CERTIFICATION**

**INITIAL EXPLORATION PLAN**

**GREEN CANYON BLOCK 953**

**OCS-G-36062**

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

**By:** LLOG Exploration Offshore, L.L.C., Operator

**Signed by:**   
Carol Eaton, Certifying Official

**Date:** November 4, 2020

**APPENDIX P**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**  
**(30 CFR PART 550.227 AND 550.261)**  
**LLOG Exploration Offshore, LLC (LLOG)**

**Initial Exploration Plan**  
**Green Canyon Block 953**  
**OCS-G 36062**

**(A) IMPACT PRODUCING FACTORS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS WORKSHEET**

Environment Resources	Impact Producing Factors (IPFs) Categories and Examples Refer to recent GOM OCS Lease Sale EIS for a more complete list of IPFs					
	Emissions (air, noise, light, etc.)	Effluents (muds, cutting, other discharges to the water column or seafloor)	Physical disturbances to the seafloor (rig or anchor emplacements, etc.)	Wastes sent to shore for treatment or disposal	Accidents (e.g., oil spills, chemical spills, H <sub>2</sub> S releases)	Discarded Trash & Debris
<b>Site-specific at Offshore Location</b>						
Designated topographic features		(1)	(1)		(1)	
Pinnacle Trend area live bottoms		(2)	(2)		(2)	
Eastern Gulf live bottoms		(3)	(3)		(3)	
Benthic communities			(4)			
Water quality		X			X	
Fisheries		X			X	
Marine Mammals	X(8)	X			X(8)	X
Sea Turtles	X(8)	X			X(8)	X
Air quality	X(9)					
Shipwreck sites (known or potential)			(7)			
Prehistoric archaeological sites			(7)			
<b>Vicinity of Offshore Location</b>						
Essential fish habitat		X			X(6)	
Marine and pelagic birds					X	X
Public health and safety					(5)	
<b>Coastal and Onshore</b>						
Beaches					X(6)	X
Wetlands					X(6)	
Shore birds and coastal nesting birds					X(6)	
Coastal wildlife refuges						
Wilderness areas						

### **Footnotes for Environmental Impact Analysis Matrix**

- 1) Activities that may affect a marine sanctuary or topographic feature. Specifically, if the well or platform site or any anchors will be on the seafloor within the:
  - 4-mile zone of the Flower Garden Banks, or the 3-mile zone of Stetson Bank;
  - 1000-meter, 1-mile or 3-mile zone of any topographic feature (submarine bank) protected by the Topographic Features Stipulation attached to an OCS lease;
  - Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) criteria of 500 feet from any no-activity zone; or
  - Proximity of any submarine bank (500-foot buffer zone) with relief greater than two meters that is not protected by the Topographic Features Stipulation attached to an OCS lease.
- 2) Activities with any bottom disturbance within an OCS lease block protected through the Live Bottom (Pinnacle Trend) Stipulation attached to an OCS lease.
- 3) Activities within any Eastern Gulf OCS block where seafloor habitats are protected by the Live Bottom (Low-Relief) Stipulation attached to an OCS lease.
- 4) Activities on blocks designated by the BOEM as being in water depths 300 meters or greater.
- 5) Exploration or production activities where H<sub>2</sub>S concentrations greater than 500 ppm might be encountered.
- 6) All activities that could result in an accidental spill of produced liquid hydrocarbons or diesel fuel that you determine would impact these environmental resources. If the proposed action is located a sufficient distance from a resource that no impact would occur, the EIA can note that in a sentence or two.
- 7) All activities that involve seafloor disturbances, including anchor emplacements, in any OCS block designated by the BOEM as having high-probability for the occurrence of shipwrecks or prehistoric sites, including such blocks that will be affected that are adjacent to the lease block in which your planned activity will occur. If the proposed activities are located a sufficient distance from a shipwreck or a prehistoric site that no impact would occur, the EIA can note that in a sentence or two.
- 8) All activities that you determine might have an adverse effect on endangered or threatened marine mammals or sea turtles or their critical habitats.
- 9) Production activities that involve transportation of produced fluids to shore using shuttle tankers or barges.

**TABLE 1: THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES, CRITICAL HABITAT, AND MARINE MAMMAL INFORMATION**

The federally listed endangered and threatened species potentially occurring in the lease area and along the Gulf Coast are provided in the table below

Species	Scientific Name	Status	Potential Presence		Critical Habitat Designated in the Gulf of Mexico	Gulf of Mexico Range
			Lease Area	Coastal		
<b>Marine Mammals</b>						
Manatee, West Indian	<i>Trichechus manatus latirostris</i>	T	--	X	Florida (peninsular)	Coastal Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida
Whale, Blue	<i>Balaenoptera masculus</i>	E	X*	--	None	GOM
Whale, Bryde's	<i>Balaenoptera edeni</i>	E	X	--	None	Eastern GOM
Whale, Fin	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	E	X*	--	None	GOM
Whale, Humpback	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	E	X*	--	None	GOM
Whale, North Atlantic Right	<i>Eubalaena glacialis</i>	E	X*	--	None	GOM
Whale, Sei	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	E	X*	--	None	GOM
Whale, Sperm	<i>Physeter catodon</i> (= <i>macrocephalus</i> )	E	X	--	None	GOM
<b>Terrestrial Mammals</b>						
Mouse, Beach (Alabama, Choctawatchee, Perdido Key, St. Andrew)	<i>Peromyscus polionotus</i>	E	-	X	Alabama, Florida (panhandle) beaches	Alabama, Florida (panhandle) beaches
<b>Birds</b>						
Plover, Piping	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	T	-	X	Coastal Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida (panhandle)	Coastal GOM
Crane, Whooping	<i>Grus Americana</i>	E	-	X	Coastal Texas	Coastal Texas and Louisiana
Crane, Mississippi sandhill	<i>Grus canadensis pulla</i>	E	-	X	Coastal Mississippi	Coastal Mississippi
Curlew, Eskimo	<i>Numenius borealis</i>	E	-	X	none	Coastal Texas
Falcon, Northern Aplomado	<i>Falco femoralis septentrionalis</i>	E	-	X	none	Coastal Texas
Knot, Red	<i>Calidris canutus rufa</i>	T	-	X	None	Coastal GOM
Stork, Wood	<i>Mycteria americana</i>	T	-	X	None	Coastal Alabama and Florida



Species	Scientific Name	Status	Potential Presence		Critical Habitat Designated in the Gulf of Mexico	Gulf of Mexico Range
			Lease Area	Coastal		
<b>Reptiles</b>						
Sea Turtle, Green	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	T/E***	X	X	None	GOM
Sea Turtle, Hawksbill	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	E	X	X	None	GOM
Sea Turtle, Kemp's Ridley	<i>Lepidochelys kempli</i>	E	X	X	None	GOM
Sea Turtle, Leatherback	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	E	X	X	None	GOM
Sea Turtle, Loggerhead	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	T	X	X	Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida	GOM
<b>Fish</b>						
Sturgeon, Gulf	<i>Acipenser oxyrinchus (=oxyrhynchus) desotoi</i>	T	X	X	Coastal Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida (panhandle)	Coastal Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida (panhandle)
Shark, Oceanic Whitetip	<i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>	E	X	-	None	GOM
Sawfish, Smalltooth	<i>Pristis pectinata</i>	E	-	X	None	Florida
Grouper, Nassau	<i>Epinephelus striatus</i>	T	-	X	None	Florida
Ray, Giant Manta	<i>Manta birostris</i>	E	X	--	None	GOM
<b>Corals</b>						
Coral, Elkhorn	<i>Acopora palmate</i>	T	X**	X	Florida Keys and Dry Tortugas	Flower Garden Banks, Florida, and the Caribbean
Coral, Staghorn	<i>Acopora cervicornis</i>	T	X	X	Florida	Flower Garden Banks, Florida, and the Caribbean
Coral, Boulder Star	<i>Orbicella franksi</i>	T	X	X	none	Flower Garden Banks and Florida
Coral, Lobed Star	<i>Orbicella annularis</i>	T	X	X	None	Flower Garden Banks and Caribbean
Coral, Mountainous Star	<i>Orbicella faveolata</i>	T	X	X	None	Flower Garden Banks and Gulf of Mexico
Coral, Rough Cactus	<i>Mycetophyllia ferox</i>	T	-	X	None	Florida and Southern Gulf of Mexico

Abbreviations: E = Endangered; T = Threatened

\* The Blue, Fin, Humpback, North Atlantic Right, and Sei Whales are rare or extralimital in the Gulf of Mexico and are unlikely to be present in the lease area.

\*\* According to the 2017 EIS, Elkhorn Coral, while uncommon, has been found in the Flower Garden Banks. (BOEM 2017-009)

\*\*\* Green Sea Turtles are considered threatened throughout the Gulf of Mexico; however, the breeding population off the coast of Florida is considered endangered.

## **(B) Analysis**

### **Site-Specific at Green Canyon Block 953**

Proposed operations consist of the drilling of one Location and one alternate Location. There are no seismic surveys, pile driving, or pipelines making landfall associated with the operations covered by this Plan.

The operations will be conducted with a Drillship or DP Semi-Submersible.

#### **1. Designated Topographic Features**

IPFs that could result in an impact on topographic features include physical disturbances to the seafloor, effluents, and accidents.

**Physical disturbances to the seafloor:** Green Canyon Block 953 is 74 miles from the closest designated Topographic Features Stipulation Block (Diaphus Bank); therefore, no adverse impacts are expected. Additionally, a Drillship or DP Semi-Submersible is being used for the proposed activities; therefore, only an insignificant amount of seafloor will be disturbed.

**Effluents:** Green Canyon Block 953 is 74 miles from the closest designated Topographic Features Stipulation Block (Diaphus Bank); therefore, no adverse impacts are expected.

**Accidents:** It is unlikely that an accidental surface or subsurface spill would occur from the proposed activities (refer to statistics in **Item 5**, Water Quality). Oil spills cause damage to benthic organisms only if the oil contacts the organisms. Oil from a surface spill can be driven into the water column; measurable amounts have been documented down to a 10-meter depth. At this depth, the oil is found only at concentrations several orders of magnitude lower than the amount shown to have an effect on corals. Because the crests of topographic features in the Northern Gulf of Mexico are found below 10 meters, oil from a surface spill is not expected to reach their sessile biota. Oil from a subsurface spill is not applicable due to the distance of this block from a topographic area. The activities proposed in this plan will be covered by LLOG's Regional OSRP (refer to information submitted in **Appendix H**).

If dispersants were utilized as a response method, the fate and effects of spilled oil would be impacted. Dispersants have been utilized in previous spill response efforts and were used extensively in the response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, with both surface and subsurface applications. Reports on dispersant usage on surface oil indicate that a majority of the dispersed oil remains in the top 10 meters of the water column, with 60 percent of the oil in the top two meters of water (McAuliffe et al, 1981; Lewis and Aurand, 1997; OCS Report BOEM 2017-007). Lubchenco et al. (2010) report that most chemically dispersed surface oil from the Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill remained in the top six meters of the water column

where it mixed with surrounding waters and biodegraded (BOEM 2017-007). None of the topographic features or potentially sensitive biological features in the GOM are shallower than 10 meters (33 feet), and only the Flower Garden Banks are shallower than 20 meters (66 feet).

In one extraordinary circumstance with an unusual combination of meteorological and oceanographic conditions, a tropical storm forced a large volume of Deepwater Horizon oil spill-linked surface oil/dispersant mixture to as deep as 75 meters (246 feet), causing temporary exposure to mesophotic corals in the Pinnacle Trend area and leading to some coral mortality and sublethal impacts (Silva et al., 2015; BOEM 2017-007).

Additionally, concentrations of dispersed and dissolved oil in the Deepwater Horizon oil-spill subsea plume were reported to be in the parts per million range or less and were generally lower away from the water's surface and away from the well head (Adcroft et al., 2010; Haddad and Murawski, 2010; Joint Analysis Group, 2010; Lubchenco et al, 2010; BOEM 2017-007).

In the case of subsurface spills like a blowout or pipeline leak, dispersants may be injected at the seafloor. This will increase oil concentrations near the source but tend to decrease them further afield, especially at the surface. Marine organisms in the lower water column will be exposed to an initial increase of water-soluble oil compounds that will dilute in the water column over time (Lee et al., 2013a; NAS 2020).

Dispersant application involves a trade-off between decreasing the risk to the surface and shoreline habitat and increasing the risk beneath the surface. The optimal trade-off must account for various factors, including the type of oil spilled, the spill volume, the weather and sea state, the water depth, the degree of turbulence, and the relative abundance and life stages of organisms (NRC, 2005; NAS 2020).

Chemical dispersants may increase the risk of toxicity to subsurface organisms by increasing bioavailability of the oil. However, it is important to note that at the 1:20 dispersant-to-oil ratio recommended for use during response operations, the dispersants currently approved for use are far less acutely toxic than oil is. Toxicity of chemically dispersed oil is primarily due to the oil itself and its enhanced bioavailability (Lee et al., 2015; NAS 2020).

With the exception of special Federal management areas or designated exclusion areas, dispersants have been preapproved for surface use, which provides the USCG On-Scene Coordinator with the authority to approve the use of dispersants. However, that approval would only be granted upon completion of the protocols defined in the appropriate Area Contingency Plan (ACP) and the Regional Response Team (RRT) Dispersant Plan. The protocols include conducting an environmental benefit analysis to determine if the dispersant use will prevent a substantial threat to the public health or welfare or minimize serious environmental

damage. The Regional Response Team would be notified immediately to provide technical support and guidance in determining if the dispersant use meets the established criteria and provide an environmental benefit. Additionally, there is currently no preapproval for subsea dispersant injection and the USCG On-Scene Coordinator must approve use of this technology before any subsea application. Due to the unprecedented volume of dispersants applied for an extended period of time, the U.S. National Response Team has developed guidance for atypical dispersant operations to ensure that planning and response activities will be consistent with national policy (BOEM 2017-007).

Dispersants were used extensively in the response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, both surface and sub-surface applications. However, during a May 2016 significant oil spill (approximately 1,926 barrels) in the Gulf of Mexico dispersants were not utilized as part of the response. The Regional Response Team was consulted and recommended that dispersants not be used, despite acknowledging the appropriate protocols were correctly followed and that there was a net environmental benefit in utilizing dispersants. This demonstrates that the federal authorities (USCG and RRT) will be extremely prudent in their decision-making regarding dispersant use authorizations.

Due to the distance of this block from a topographic area and the coverage of the activities proposed in this plan by LLOG's Regional OSRP (refer to information submitted in **Appendix H**), impacts to topographic features from surface or sub-surface oil spills are not expected.

There are no other IPFs (including emissions and wastes sent to shore for disposal) from the proposed activities that are likely to impact topographic features.

## **2. Pinnacle Trend Area Live Bottoms**

IPFs that could result in an impact on pinnacle trend area live bottoms include physical disturbances to the seafloor, emissions (noise / sound), effluents, and accidents.

**Physical disturbances to the seafloor:** Green Canyon Block 953 is 196.3 miles from the closest live bottom (pinnacle trend) area; therefore, no adverse impacts are expected. Additionally, a Drillship or DP Semi-Submersible is being used for the proposed activities; therefore, only an insignificant amount of seafloor will be disturbed.

**Emissions (noise / sound):** All routine OCS oil-and gas-related activities have some element of sound generation. Common sound sources include propeller cavitation, rotating machinery, and reciprocating machinery, which are associated with routine OCS oil-and gas-related activities such as vessel traffic, drilling, construction, and oil and gas production, processing, and transport. Sound introduced into the marine environment as a result of human activities has the potential to affect marine organisms. Although there is little information available on

sound detection and sound-mediated behaviors for marine invertebrates, the overall impacts on pinnacle and low-relief feature communities from anthropogenic noise are expected to be negligible (BOEM 2017-009). Additionally, Green Canyon Block 953 is 177.3 miles from the closest live bottom (pinnacle trend) area; therefore, no adverse impacts are expected.

**Effluents:** Green Canyon Block 953 is 196.3 miles from the closest live bottom (pinnacle trend) area; therefore, no adverse impacts are expected.

**Accidents:** It is unlikely that an accidental surface or subsurface spill would occur from the proposed activities (refer to statistics in **Item 5**, Water Quality). Oil spills have the potential to foul benthic communities and cause lethal and sublethal effects on live bottom organisms. Oil from a surface spill can be driven into the water column; measurable amounts have been documented down to a 10-meter depth. At this depth, the oil is found only at concentrations several orders of magnitude lower than the amount shown to have an effect on marine organisms. Oil from a subsurface spill is not expected to impact pinnacle trend area live bottoms due to the distance of this block from a live bottom (pinnacle trend) area and the coverage of the activities proposed in this plan by LLOG's Regional OSRP (refer to information submitted in **Appendix H**).

If dispersants were utilized as a response method, the fate and effects of spilled oil would be impacted. A detailed discussion on dispersants, their usage during the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, and their impacts on different levels of benthic communities can be found in **Item 1**.

There are no other IPFs (including emissions and wastes sent to shore for disposal) from the proposed activities that are likely to impact a live bottom (pinnacle trend) area.

### **3. Eastern Gulf Live Bottoms**

IPFs that could result in an impact on Eastern Gulf live bottoms include physical disturbances to the seafloor, emissions (noise / sound), effluents, and accidents.

**Physical disturbances to the seafloor:** Green Canyon Block 953 is not located in an area characterized by the existence of live bottoms, and this lease does not contain a Live-Bottom Stipulation requiring a photo documentation survey and survey report. Additionally, a Drillship or DP Semi-Submersible is being used for the proposed activities; therefore, only an insignificant amount of seafloor will be disturbed.

**Emissions (noise / sound):** All routine OCS oil-and gas-related activities have some element of sound generation. Common sound sources include propeller cavitation, rotating machinery, and reciprocating machinery, which are associated with routine OCS oil-and gas-related activities such as vessel traffic, drilling, construction, and oil and gas production, processing,

and transport. Sound introduced into the marine environment as a result of human activities has the potential to affect marine organisms. Although there is little information available on sound detection and sound-mediated behaviors for marine invertebrates, the overall impacts on pinnacle and low-relief feature communities from anthropogenic noise are expected to be negligible (BOEM 2017-009). Additionally, Green Canyon Block 953 is not located in an area characterized by the existence of live bottoms; therefore, no adverse impacts are expected.

**Effluents:** Green Canyon Block 953 is not located in an area characterized by the existence of live bottoms; therefore, no adverse impacts are expected.

**Accidents:** It is unlikely that an accidental surface or subsurface spill would occur from the proposed activities (refer to statistics in **Item 5**, Water Quality). Oil spills cause damage to live bottom organisms only if the oil contacts the organisms. Oil from a surface spill can be driven into the water column; measurable amounts have been documented down to a 10-meter depth. At this depth, the oil is found only at concentrations several orders of magnitude lower than the amount shown to have an effect on marine invertebrates. Oil from a subsurface spill is not expected to impact Eastern Gulf live bottoms due to the distance of this block from a live bottom area and coverage of the activities proposed in this plan by LLOG's Regional OSRP (refer to information submitted in **Appendix H**).

If dispersants were utilized as a response method, the fate and effects of spilled oil would be impacted. A detailed discussion on dispersants, their usage during the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, and their impacts on different levels of benthic communities can be found in **Item 1**.

There are no other IPFs (including wastes sent to shore for disposal) from the proposed activities that are likely to impact an Eastern Gulf live bottom area.

#### **4. Benthic Communities**

There are no IPFs (including emissions, noise / sound, physical disturbances to the seafloor, wastes sent to shore for disposal, or accidents) from the proposed activities that are likely to cause impacts to deepwater benthic communities.

Green Canyon Block 953 is located in water depths of 984 feet (300 meters) or greater. At such depth high-density, deepwater benthic communities may sometimes be found. However, Green Canyon Block 953 is approximately 4.7 miles from a known deepwater benthic community site (Green Canyon Block 866), listed in NTL 2009-G40. Additionally, a Drillship or DP Semi-Submersible is being used for the proposed activities; therefore, only an insignificant amount of seafloor will be disturbed. Due to the distance from the closest known deepwater benthic community and because physical disturbances to the seafloor will be minimized by the use of a

Drillship or DP Semi-Submersible, LLOG's proposed operations in Green Canyon Block 953 are not likely to impact deepwater benthic communities.

Deepwater benthic communities would potentially be subject to detrimental effects from a catastrophic seafloor blowout due to sediment and oiled sediment from the initial event (BOEM 2017-007). However, this is unlikely due to the distancing requirements described in NTL 2009-G40. Additionally, the potential impacts would be localized due to the directional movement of oil plumes by water currents and the scattered, patchy distribution of sensitive habitats. Although widely dispersed, biodegraded particles of a passing oil plume might impact patchy habitats, no significant impacts would be expected to the Gulfwide population. Most deepwater benthic communities are expected to experience no impacts from a catastrophic seafloor blowout due to the directional movement of oil plumes by the water currents and their scattered, patchy distribution. Impacts may be expected if a spill were to occur close to a deepwater benthic habitat, however, beyond the localized area of impact particles would become increasingly biodegraded and dispersed. Localized impacts to deepwater benthic organisms would be expected to be mostly sublethal (BOEM 2017-007).

If dispersants were utilized as a response method, the fate and effects of spilled oil would be impacted. A detailed discussion on dispersants, their usage during the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, and their impacts on different levels of benthic communities can be found in **Item 1**.

## **5. Water Quality**

IPFs that could result in water quality degradation from the proposed operations in Green Canyon Block 953 include disturbances to the seafloor, effluents, and accidents.

**Physical disturbances to the seafloor:** Bottom area disturbances resulting from the emplacement of drill rigs, the drilling of wells and the installation of platforms and pipelines would increase water-column turbidity and re-suspension of any accumulated pollutants, such as trace metals and excess nutrients. This would cause short-lived impacts on water quality conditions in the immediate vicinity of the emplacement operations. Additionally, a Drillship or DP Semi-Submersible is being used for the proposed activities; therefore, only an insignificant amount of seafloor will be disturbed.

**Effluents:** Levels of contaminants in drilling muds and cuttings and produced water discharges, discharge-rate restrictions and monitoring and toxicity testing are regulated by the EPA NPDES permit, thereby eliminating many significant biological or ecological effects. Operational discharges are not expected to cause significant adverse impacts to water quality. Additionally, an analysis of the best available information from the National Marine Fisheries Service Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 Biological Opinion on the Federally Regulated Oil and Gas Program Activities in the Gulf of Mexico (NMFS, 2020) concludes that exposures to

toxicants in discharges from oil and gas activities are not likely to adversely affect ESA-listed species.

**Accidents:** Impact-producing factors related to OCS oil and gas-related accidental events primarily involve drilling fluid spills, chemical spills, and oil spills.

#### *Drilling Fluid Spills*

Water-based fluid (WBF) and Synthetic-based fluid (SBF) spills may result in elevated turbidity, which would be short term, localized, and reversible. The WBF is normally discharged to the seafloor during riserless drilling, which is allowable due to its low toxicity. For the same reasons, a spill of WBF would have negligible impacts. The SBF has low toxicity, and the discharge of SBF is allowed to the extent that it adheres onto drill cuttings. Both USEPA Regions 4 and 6 permit the discharge of cuttings wetted with SBF as long as the retained SBF amount is below a prescribed percent, meets biodegradation and toxicity requirements, and is not contaminated with the formation oil or PAH. A spill of SBF may cause a temporary increase in biological oxygen demand and locally result in lowered dissolved oxygen in the water column. Also, a spill of SBF may release an oil sheen if formation oil is present in the fluid. Therefore, impacts from a release of SBF are considered to be minor. Spills of SBF typically do not require mitigation because SBF sinks in water and naturally biodegrades, seafloor cleanup is technically difficult, and SBF has low toxicity. (BOEM 2017-009)

#### *Chemical Spills*

Accidental chemical spills could result in temporary localized impacts on water quality, primarily due to changing pH. Chemicals spills are generally small volume compared with spills of oil and drilling fluids. During the period of 2007 to 2014, small chemical spills occurred at an average annual volume of 28 bbl, while large chemical spills occurred at an average annual volume of 758 bbl. These chemical spills normally dissolve in water and dissipate quickly through dilution with no observable effects. Also, many of these chemicals are approved to be commingled in produced water for discharge to the ocean, which is a permitted activity. Therefore, impacts from chemical spills are considered to be minor and do not typically require mitigation because of technical feasibility and low toxicity after dilution (BOEM 2017-009).

#### *Oil Spills*

Oil spills have the greatest potential of all OCS oil-and gas-related activities to affect water quality. Small spills (<1,000 bbl) are not expected to substantially impact water quality in coastal or offshore waters because the oil dissipates quickly through dispersion and weathering while still at sea. Reasonably foreseeable larger spills ( $\geq 1,000$  bbl), however, could impact water quality in coastal and offshore waters (BOEM 2017-007). However, based on data provided in the BOEM 2016 Update of Occurrence Rates for Offshore Oil Spills, it is unlikely that an accidental surface or subsurface spill of a significant volume would occur from the proposed



activities. Between 2001 and 2015 OCS operations produced eight billion barrels of oil and spilled 0.062 percent of this oil, or one barrel for every 1,624 barrels produced. (The overall spill volume was almost entirely accounted for by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon blowout and subsequent discharge of 4.9 million barrels of oil. Additional information on unlikely scenarios and impacts from very large oil spills are discussed in the Catastrophic Spill Event Analysis white paper (BOEM 2017-007).

If a spill were to occur, the water quality of marine waters would be temporarily affected by the dissolved components and small oil droplets. Dispersion by currents and microbial degradation would remove the oil from the water column and dilute the constituents to background levels. Historically, changes in offshore water quality from oil spills have only been detected during the life of the spill and up to several months afterwards. Most of the components of oil are insoluble in water and therefore float. Dispersants will only be used if approved by the Regional Response Team in coordination with the RRT Dispersant Plan and RRT Biological Assessment for Dispersants.

Oil spills, regardless of size, may allow hydrocarbons to partition into the water column in a dissolved, emulsion, and/or particulate phase. Therefore, impacts from reasonably foreseeable oil spills are considered moderate. Mitigation efforts for oil spills may include booming, burning, and the use of dispersants (BOEM 2017-009).

These methods may cause short-term secondary impacts to water quality, such as the introduction of additional hydrocarbon into the dissolved phase through the use of dispersants and the sinking of hydrocarbon residuals from burning. Since burning and the use of dispersants put additional hydrocarbons into the dissolved phase, impacts to water quality after mitigation efforts are still considered to be moderate, because dissolved hydrocarbons extend down into the water column. This results in additional exposure pathways via ingestion and gill respiration and may result in acute or chronic effects to marine life (BOEM 2017-009).

Most oil-spill response strategies and equipment are based upon the simple principle that oil floats. However, as evident during the Deepwater Horizon explosion, oil spill, and response, this is not always true. Sometimes it floats and sometimes it suspends within the water column or sinks to the seafloor (BOEM 2017-009).

Oil that is chemically dispersed at the surface moves into the top six meters of the water column where it mixes with surrounding waters and begins to biodegrade (U.S. Congress, Office of Technology Assessment, 1990). Dispersant use, in combination with natural processes, breaks up oil into smaller components that allows them to dissipate into the water and degrade more rapidly (Nalco, 2010). Dispersant use must be in accordance with an RRT Preapproved Dispersant Use Manual and with any conditions outlined within an RRT's site-specific,

dispersant approval given after a spill event. Consequently, dispersant use must be in accordance with the restrictions for specific water depths, distances from shore, and monitoring requirements. At this time, neither the Region IV nor the Region VI RRT dispersant use manuals, which cover the GOM region, give preapproval for the application of dispersant use subsea (BOEM 2017-009).

The activities proposed in this plan will be covered by LLOG's Regional Oil Spill Response Plan, which discusses potential response actions in more detail (refer to information submitted in **Appendix H**).

There are no other IPFs (including emissions, physical disturbances to the seafloor, and wastes sent to shore for disposal) from the proposed activities that are likely to impact water quality.

## **6. Fisheries**

There are multiple species of fish in the Gulf of Mexico, including the endangered and threatened species listed in **Table 1** at the beginning of this Environmental Impact Assessment. More information regarding the endangered Gulf sturgeon (**Item 20.2**), oceanic whitetip shark (**Item 20.3**), and giant manta ray (**Item 20.4**) can be found below. IPFs that could cause impacts to fisheries as a result of the proposed operations in Green Canyon Block 953 include physical disturbances to the seafloor, emissions (noise / sound), effluents, and accidents.

**Physical disturbances to the seafloor:** The emplacement of a structure or drilling rig results in minimal loss of bottom trawling area to commercial fishermen. Pipelines cause gear conflicts which result in losses of trawls and shrimp catch, business downtime and vessel damage. Most financial losses from gear conflicts are covered by the Fishermen's Contingency Fund (FCF). The emplacement and removal of facilities are not expected to cause significant adverse impacts to fisheries. Additionally, a Drillship or DP Semi-Submersible is being used for the proposed activities; therefore, only an insignificant amount of seafloor will be disturbed.

**Emissions (noise / sound):** All routine OCS oil-and gas-related activities have some element of sound generation. Common sound sources include propeller cavitation, rotating machinery, and reciprocating machinery, which are associated with routine OCS oil-and gas-related activities such as vessel traffic, drilling, construction, and oil and gas production, processing, and transport. Sound introduced into the marine environment as a result of human activities has the potential to affect marine organisms by stimulating behavioral response, masking biologically important signals, causing temporary or permanent hearing loss (Popper et al., 2005; Popper et al., 2014), or causing physiological injury (e.g., barotrauma) resulting in mortality (Popper and Hastings, 2009). The potential for anthropogenic sound to affect any individual organism is dependent on the proximity to the source, signal characteristics, received peak pressures relative to the static pressure, cumulative sound exposure, species, motivation,

and the receiver's prior experience. In addition, environmental conditions (e.g., temperature, water depth, and substrate) affect sound speed, propagation paths, and attenuation, resulting in temporal and spatial variations in the received signal for organisms throughout the ensonified area (Hildebrand, 2009).

Sound detection capabilities among fish vary. For most fish species, it is reasonable to assume hearing sensitivity to frequencies below 500 Hertz (Hz) (Popper et al., 2003 and 2014; Popper and Hastings, 2009; Slabbekoorn et al., 2010; Radford et al., 2014). The band of greatest interest to this analysis, low-frequency sound (30-500 Hz), has come to be dominated by anthropogenic sources and includes the frequencies most likely to be detected by most fish species. For example, the noise generated by large vessel traffic typically results from propeller cavitation and falls within 40-150 Hz (Hildebrand, 2009; McKenna et al., 2012). This range is similar to that of fish vocalizations and hearing and could result in a masking effect.

Masking occurs when background noise increases the threshold for a sound to be detected; masking can be partial or complete. If detection thresholds are raised for biologically relevant signals, there is a potential for increased predation, reduced foraging success, reduced reproductive success, or other effects. However, fish hearing and sound production may be adapted to a noisy environment (Wysocki and Ladich, 2005). There is evidence that fish are able to efficiently discriminate between signals, extracting important sounds from background noise (Popper et al., 2003; Wysocki and Ladich, 2005). Sophisticated sound processing capabilities and filtering by the sound sensing organs essentially narrows the band of masking frequencies, potentially decreasing masking effects. In addition, the low-frequency sounds of interest propagate over very long distances in deep water, but these frequencies are quickly lost in water depths between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  the wavelength (Ladich, 2013). This would suggest that the potential for a masking effect from low-frequency noise on behaviors occurring in shallow coastal waters may be reduced by the receiver's distance from sound sources, such as busy ports or construction activities.

Pulsed sounds generated by OCS oil-and gas-related activities (e.g., impact-driven piles and airguns) can potentially cause behavioral response, reduce hearing sensitivity, or result in physiological injury to fish and invertebrate resources. However, there are no pulsed sound generation activities proposed for these operations.

Support vessel traffic, drilling, production facilities, and other sources of continuous sounds contribute to a chronic increase in background noise, with varying areas of effect that may be influenced by the sound level, frequencies, and environmental factors (Hildebrand, 2009; Slabbekoorn et al., 2010; McKenna et al., 2012). These sources have a low potential for causing physiological injury or injuring hearing in fish and invertebrates (Popper et al., 2014). However, continuous sounds have an increased potential for masking biologically relevant sounds than do

pulsed signals. The potential effects of masking on fish and invertebrates is difficult to assess in the natural setting for communities and populations of species, but evidence indicates that the increase to background noise as a result of OCS oil and gas operations would be relatively minor. Therefore, it is expected that the cumulative impact to fish and invertebrate resources would be minor and would not extend beyond localized disturbances or behavioral modification.

Despite the importance of many sound-mediated behaviors and the potential biological costs associated with behavioral response to anthropogenic sounds, many environmental and biological factors limit potential exposure and the effects that OCS oil-and gas-related sounds have on fish and invertebrate resources. The overall impact to fish and invertebrate resources due to anthropogenic sound introduced into the marine environment by OCS oil-and gas-related routine activities is expected to be minor.

**Effluents:** Effluents such as drilling fluids and cuttings discharges contain components and properties which are detrimental to fishery resources. Moderate petroleum and metal contamination of sediments and the water column can occur out to several hundred meters down-current from the discharge point. Offshore discharges are expected to disperse and dilute to very near background levels in the water column or on the seafloor within 3,000 meters of the discharge point and are therefore expected to have a negligible effect on fisheries. Additionally, an analysis of the best available information from the National Marine Fisheries Service Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 Biological Opinion on the Federally Regulated Oil and Gas Program Activities in the Gulf of Mexico (NMFS, 2020) concludes that exposures to toxicants in discharges from oil and gas activities are not likely to adversely affect ESA-listed species.

**Accidents:** Collisions between support vessels and ESA-listed fish, would be unusual events, however, should one occur, death or injury to ESA-listed fish is possible. Contract vessel operators can avoid protected aquatic species and reduce potential deaths by maintaining a vigilant watch and a distance of 50 meters or greater, with the exception of animals that approach the vessel. Vessel personnel should use a Gulf of Mexico reference guide that includes identifying information on marine mammals, sea turtles, and other marine protected species (i.e., Endangered Species Act listed species such as Gulf sturgeon, giant manta ray, or oceanic whitetip shark) that may be encountered in the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

Contract vessel operators will comply with the measures included in Appendix C of the NMFS Biological Opinion and requirements of the Protected Species Lease Stipulation, except under extraordinary circumstances when the safety of the vessel or crew is in doubt or the safety of life at sea is in question.

Should an ESA-listed fish (e.g. giant manta ray, oceanic whitetip shark, or Gulf sturgeon) be entrapped, entangled, or injured, personnel should contact the ESA Section 7 biologist at (301) 427-8413 ([nmfs.psoreview@noaa.gov](mailto:nmfs.psoreview@noaa.gov)) and report all incidents to [takereport.nmfs@noaa.gov](mailto:takereport.nmfs@noaa.gov). After making the appropriate notifications, LLOG may call BSEE at (985) 722-7902 for questions or additional guidance on recovery assistance needs, continued monitoring requirements, and incidental report information which at minimum is detailed below. Additional information may be found at the following website: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/report>. Any injured or dead protected species should also be reported to [takereport.nmfs@noaa.gov](mailto:takereport.nmfs@noaa.gov). In addition, if the injury or death was caused by a collision with the operator's vessel, an entrapment within the operator's equipment or vessel (e.g. moon pool), or an entanglement within the operator's equipment, the operator must further notify BOEM and BSEE within 24 hours of the strike or entrapment/entanglement by email to [protectedspecies@boem.gov](mailto:protectedspecies@boem.gov) and [protectedspecies@bsee.gov](mailto:protectedspecies@bsee.gov). If the vessel is the responsible party, it is required to remain available to assist the respective salvage and stranding network as needed.

An accidental oil spill has the potential to cause some detrimental effects on fisheries; however, it is unlikely that such an event would occur from the proposed activities (refer to **Item 5**, Water Quality). The effects of oil on mobile adult finfish or shellfish would likely be sublethal and the extent of damage would be reduced to the capacity of adult fish and shellfish to avoid the spill, to metabolize hydrocarbons, and to excrete both metabolites and parent compounds. The activities proposed in this plan will be covered by LLOG's Regional OSRP (refer to information submitted in **Appendix H**).

There are no IPFs from wastes sent to shore for disposal from the proposed activities that are likely to cause impacts to fisheries.

## **7. Marine Mammals**

The latest population estimates for the Gulf of Mexico revealed that cetaceans of the continental shelf and shelf-edge were almost exclusively bottlenose dolphin and Atlantic spotted dolphin. Squid eaters, including dwarf and pygmy killer whale, Risso's dolphin, rough-toothed dolphin, and Cuvier's beaked whale, occurred most frequently along the upper slope in areas outside of anticyclones. The Bryde's whale is the only commonly occurring baleen whale in the northern Gulf of Mexico and has been sighted off western Florida and in the De Soto Canyon region. Florida manatees have been sighted along the entire northern GOM but are mainly found in the shallow coastal waters of Florida, which are unassociated with the proposed actions. A complete list of all endangered and threatened marine mammals in the GOM may be found in **Table 1** at the beginning of this Environmental Impact Assessment. More information regarding the endangered Gulf of Mexico Bryde's whale can be found in **Item 20.1**

below. IPFs that could cause impacts to marine mammals as a result of the proposed operations in Green Canyon Block 953 include emissions (noise / sound), effluents, discarded trash and debris, and accidents.

**Emissions (noise / sound):** Noises from drilling activities, support vessels and helicopters (i.e. nonimpulsive anthropogenic sound) may elicit a startle reaction from marine mammals. This reaction may lead to disruption of marine mammals' normal activities. Stress may make them more vulnerable to parasites, disease, environmental contaminants, and/or predation (Majors and Myrick, 1990). Responses to sound exposure may include lethal or nonlethal injury, temporary hearing impairment, behavioral harassment and stress, or no apparent response. Noise-induced stress is possible, but it is little studied in marine mammals. Tyack (2008) suggests that a more significant risk to marine mammals from sound are these less visible impacts of chronic exposure. There is little conclusive evidence for long-term displacements and population trends for marine mammals relative to noise.

Vessels are the greatest contributors to increases in low-frequency ambient sound in the sea (Andrew et al. 2011). Sound levels and tones produced are generally related to vessel size and speed. Larger vessels generally emit more sound than smaller vessels, and vessels underway with a full load, or those pushing or towing a load, are noisier than unladen vessels. Cetacean responses to aircraft depend on the animals' behavioral state at the time of exposure (e.g., resting, socializing, foraging or traveling) as well as the altitude and lateral distance of the aircraft to the animals (Luksenburg and Parsons 2009). The underwater sound intensity from aircraft is less than produced by vessels, and visually, aircraft are more difficult for whales to locate since they are not in the water and move rapidly (Richter et al. 2006). Perhaps not surprisingly then, when aircraft are at higher altitudes, whales often exhibit no response, but lower flying aircraft (e.g., approximately 500 meters or less) have been observed to elicit short-term behavioral responses (Luksenburg and Parsons 2009; NMFS 2017b; NMFS 2017f; Patenaude et al. 2002; Smultea et al. 2008a; Wursig et al. 1998). Thus, aircraft flying at low altitude, at close lateral distances and above shallow water elicit stronger responses than aircraft flying higher, at greater lateral distances and over deep water (Patenaude et al. 2002; Smultea et al. 2008a). Routine OCS helicopter traffic would not be expected to disturb animals for extended periods, provided pilots do not alter their flight patterns to more closely observe or photograph marine mammals. Helicopters, while flying offshore, generally maintain altitudes above 700 feet during transit to and from a working area, and at an altitude of about 500 feet between platforms. The duration of the effects resulting from a startle response is expected to be short-term during routine flights, and the potential effects will be insignificant to sperm whales and Bryde's whales. Therefore, we find that any disturbance that may result from aircraft associated with the proposed action is not likely to adversely affect ESA-listed whales.

Drilling and production noise would contribute to increases in the ambient noise environment of the GOM, but they are not expected in amplitudes sufficient to cause either hearing or behavioral impacts (BOEM 2017-009). There is the possibility of short-term disruption of movement patterns and/or behavior caused by vessel noise and disturbance; however, these are not expected to impact survival and growth of any marine mammal populations in the GOM. Additionally, the National Marine Fisheries Service published a final recovery plan for the sperm whale, which identified anthropogenic noise as either a low or unknown threat to sperm whales in the GOM (USDOC, NMFS, 2010b). Sirenians (i.e. manatees) are not located within the area of operations. Additionally, there were no specific noise impact factors identified in the latest BOEM environmental impact statement for sirenians related to GOM OCS operations (BOEM 2017-009). See **Item 20.1** for details on the Bryde's whale.

Impulsive sound impacts (i.e. pile driving, seismic surveys) are not included among the activities proposed under this plan.

**Effluents:** Drilling fluids and cuttings discharges contain components which may be detrimental to marine mammals. Most operational discharges are diluted and dispersed upon release. Any potential impact from drilling fluids would be indirect, either as a result of impacts on prey items or possibly through ingestion in the food chain (API, 1989).

**Discarded trash and debris:** Both entanglement in and ingestion of debris have caused the death or serious injury of marine mammals (Laist, 1997; MMC, 1999). The limited amount of marine debris, if any, resulting from the proposed activities is not expected to substantially harm marine mammals. Operators are prohibited from deliberately discharging debris as mandated by MARPOL-Annex V, the Marine Plastic Pollution Research and Control Act, and regulations imposed by various agencies, including the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

LLOG will operate in accordance with the regulations, agency guidance, and Appendix B of the National Marine Fisheries Service Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 Biological Opinion and also avoid accidental loss of solid waste items by maintaining waste management plans, manifesting trash sent to shore, and using special precautions such as covering outside trash bins to prevent accidental loss of solid waste. Special caution will be exercised when handling and disposing of small items and packaging materials, particularly those made of non-biodegradable, environmentally persistent materials such as plastic or glass. LLOG will also collect and remove flotsam resulting from activities related to proposed operations.

Informational placards will be posted on all vessels and facilities having sleeping or food preparation capabilities. All offshore personnel, including contractors and other support services-related personnel (e.g. helicopter pilots, vessel captains and boat crews) will be

indoctrinated on waste procedures, and will view the video (or Microsoft PowerPoint presentation), “Think About It” (previously “All Washed Up: The Beach Litter Problem”). Thereafter, all personnel will view the marine trash and debris training video annually. Offshore personnel will also receive an explanation from LLOG management or the designated lease operator management that emphasizes their commitment to waste management in accordance with NTL No. 2015-G03-BSEE.

**Accidents:** Collisions between support vessels and marine mammals, including cetaceans, would be unusual events; however, should one occur, death or injury to marine mammals is possible. Contract vessel operators can avoid marine mammals and reduce potential deaths by maintaining a vigilant watch for marine mammals and maintaining a safe distance of 500 meters or greater from baleen whales, 100 meters or greater from sperm whales, and a distance of 50 meters or greater from all other aquatic protected species, with the exception of animals that approach the vessel. If unable to identify the marine mammal, the vessel will act as if it were a baleen whale and maintain a distance of 500 meters or greater. If a manatee is sighted, all vessels in the area will operate at “no wake/idle” speeds in the area, while maintaining proper distance. When assemblages of cetaceans are observed, including mother/calf pairs, vessel speeds will be reduced to 10 knots or less. Vessel personnel should use a Gulf of Mexico reference guide that includes identifying information on marine mammals, sea turtles, and other marine protected species (i.e., Endangered Species Act listed species such as Gulf sturgeon, giant manta ray, or oceanic whitetip shark) that may be encountered in the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

Contract vessel operators will comply with the measures included in Appendix C of the NMFS Biological Opinion and requirements of the Protected Species Lease Stipulation, except under extraordinary circumstances when the safety of the vessel or crew is in doubt or the safety of life at sea is in question.

Vessel personnel must report sightings of any injured or dead protected marine mammal species immediately, regardless of whether the injury or death is caused by their vessel, to the NMFS Southeast Marine Mammal Stranding Hotline at (877) WHALE-HELP (877-942-5343). Additional information may be found at the following website: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/report>. Any injured or dead protected species should also be reported to [takereport.nmfsser@noaa.gov](mailto:takereport.nmfsser@noaa.gov). In addition, if the injury or death was caused by a collision with the operator’s vessel, an entrapment within the operator’s equipment or vessel (e.g. moon pool), or an entanglement within the operator’s equipment, the operator must further notify BOEM and BSEE within 24 hours of the strike or entrapment/entanglement by email to [protectedspecies@boem.gov](mailto:protectedspecies@boem.gov) and [protectedspecies@bsee.gov](mailto:protectedspecies@bsee.gov). If the vessel is the responsible party, it is required to remain available to assist the respective salvage and stranding network as needed.



These proposed operations may utilize a moon pool(s) to conduct various subsea activities. LLOG's contractor or company representative will provide a dedicated crew member to monitor and continually survey the moon pool area during the operations for marine mammals. If any marine mammal is detected in the moon pool, LLOG will cease operations and contact NMFS at [nmfs.psoreview@noaa.gov](mailto:nmfs.psoreview@noaa.gov) and BSEE at [protectedspecies@bsee.gov](mailto:protectedspecies@bsee.gov) and 985-722-7902 for additional guidance and incident report information.

Oil spills have the potential to cause sublethal oil-related injuries and spill-related deaths to marine mammals. However, it is unlikely that an accidental oil spill would occur from the proposed activities (refer to **Item 5**, Water Quality). Oil spill response activities may increase vessel traffic in the area, which could impact in cetacean behavior and/or distribution, thereby causing additional stress to the animals. The effect of oil dispersants on cetaceans is not known. Removing oil from the surface would reduce the likelihood of oil adhering to marine mammals. Laboratory experiments have shown that the dispersants used during the Deepwater Horizon response are cytotoxic to sperm whale cells; however, it is difficult to determine actual exposure levels in the GOM. Therefore, dispersants will only be used if approved by the Regional Response Team in coordination with the RRT Dispersant Plan and RRT Biological Assessment for Dispersants. The acute toxicity of oil dispersant chemicals included in LLOG's OSRP is considered to be low when compared with the constituents and fractions of crude oils and diesel products. The activities proposed in this plan will be covered by LLOG's OSRP (refer to information submitted in accordance with **Appendix H**).

The NMFS Office of Protected Resources coordinates agency assessment of the need for response and leads response efforts for spills that may impact cetaceans. If a spill may impact cetaceans, NMFS Protected Resources Contacts should be notified (see contact details below), and they will initiate notification of other relevant parties.

NMFS Protected Resources Contacts for the Gulf of Mexico:

- Marine mammals – Southeast emergency stranding hotline 1-877-433-8299
- Other endangered or threatened species – ESA Section 7 consulting biologist: [nmfs.ser.emergency.consult@noaa.gov](mailto:nmfs.ser.emergency.consult@noaa.gov)

There are no other IPFs (including physical disturbances to the seafloor) from the proposed activities that are likely to impact marine mammals.

## **8. Sea Turtles**

GulfCet II studies sighted most loggerhead, Kemp's ridley and leatherback sea turtles over shelf waters. Historically these species have been sighted up to the shelf's edge. They appear to be more abundant east of the Mississippi River than they are west of the river (Fritts et al., 1983b;

Lohoefener et al., 1990). Deep waters may be used by all species as a transitory habitat. A complete list of endangered and threatened sea turtles in the GOM may be found in **Table 1** at the beginning of this Environmental Impact Assessment. Additional details regarding the loggerhead sea turtle's critical habitat in the GOM are located in **Item 20.5**. IPFs that could cause impacts to sea turtles as a result of the proposed operations include emissions (noise / sound), effluents, discarded trash and debris, and accidents.

**Emissions (noise / sound):** Noise from drilling activities, support vessels, and helicopters (i.e. nonimpulsive anthropogenic sound) may elicit a startle reaction from sea turtles, but this is a temporary disturbance. Responses to sound exposure may include lethal or nonlethal injury, temporary hearing impairment, behavioral harassment and stress, or no apparent response. Vessels are the greatest contributors to increases in low-frequency ambient sound in the sea (Andrew et al. 2011). Sound levels and tones produced are generally related to vessel size and speed. Larger vessels generally emit more sound than smaller vessels, and vessels underway with a full load, or those pushing or towing a load, are noisier than unladen vessels. Routine OCS helicopter traffic would not be expected to disturb animals for extended periods, provided pilots do not alter their flight patterns to more closely observe or photograph marine mammals. Helicopters, while flying offshore, generally maintain altitudes above 700 feet during transit to and from a working area, and at an altitude of about 500 feet between platforms. The duration of the effects resulting from a startle response is expected to be short-term during routine flights and the potential effects will be insignificant to sea turtles. Therefore, we find that any disturbance that may result from aircraft associated with the proposed action is not likely to adversely affect sea turtles. Construction and operational sounds other than pile driving should have insignificant effects on sea turtles; effects would be limited to short-term avoidance of construction activity itself rather than the sound produced. As a result, sound sources associated with support vessel movement as part of the proposed operations are insignificant and therefore are not likely to adversely affect sea turtles.

Overall noise impacts on sea turtles from the proposed activities are expected to be negligible to minor depending on the location of the animal(s) relative to the sound source and the frequency, intensity, and duration of the source. The National Marine Fisheries Service Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 Biological Opinion Appendix C explains how operators must implement measures to minimize the risk of vessel strikes to protected species and report observations of injured or dead protected species. This guidance should also minimize the chance of sea turtles being subject to the increased noise level of a service vessel in very close proximity.

**Effluents:** Drilling fluids and cuttings discharges are not known to be lethal to sea turtles. Most operational discharges are diluted and dispersed upon release. Any potential impact from

drilling fluids would be indirect, either as a result of impacts on prey items or possibly through ingestion in the food chain (API, 1989).

**Discarded trash and debris:** Both entanglement in, and ingestion of, debris have caused the death or serious injury of sea turtles (Balazs, 1985). The limited amount of marine debris, if any, resulting from the proposed activities is not expected to substantially harm sea turtles. Operators are prohibited from deliberately discharging debris as mandated by MARPOL-Annex V, the Marine Plastic Pollution Research and Control Act, and regulations imposed by various agencies, including the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

LLOG will operate in accordance with the regulations, agency guidance, and Appendix B of the National Marine Fisheries Service Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 Biological Opinion and also avoid accidental loss of solid waste items by maintaining waste management plans, manifesting trash sent to shore, and using special precautions such as covering outside trash bins to prevent accidental loss of solid waste. Special caution will be exercised when handling and disposing of small items and packaging materials, particularly those made of non-biodegradable, environmentally persistent materials such as plastic or glass. LLOG will also collect and remove flotsam resulting from activities related to proposed operations.

Informational placards will be posted on all vessels and facilities having sleeping or food preparation capabilities. All offshore personnel, including contractors and other support services-related personnel (e.g. helicopter pilots, vessel captains and boat crews) will be indoctrinated on waste procedures, and will view the video (or Microsoft PowerPoint presentation), "Think About It" (previously "All Washed Up: The Beach Litter Problem"). Thereafter, all personnel will view the marine trash and debris training video annually. Offshore personnel will also receive an explanation from LLOG management or the designated lease operator management that emphasizes their commitment to waste management in accordance with NTL No. 2015-G03-BSEE.

**Accidents:** Collisions between support vessels and sea turtles would be unusual events; however, should one occur, death or injury to sea turtles is possible. Contract vessel operators can avoid sea turtles and reduce potential deaths by maintaining a vigilant watch for sea turtles and maintaining a safe distance of 50 meters or greater when they are sighted, with the exception of sea turtles that approach the vessel. Vessel crews should use a reference guide to help identify the five species of sea turtles that may be encountered in the Gulf of Mexico OCS as well as other marine protected species (i.e. Endangered Species Act listed species). Contract vessel operators will comply with the measures included in Appendix C of the NMFS Biological Opinion and requirements of the Protected Species Lease Stipulation, except under

extraordinary circumstances when the safety of the vessel or crew is in doubt or the safety of life at sea is in question.

Vessel crews must report sightings of any injured or dead protected sea turtle species immediately, regardless of whether the injury or death is caused by their vessel, to the State Coordinators for the Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network (STSSN) at [http://www.sefsc.noaa.gov/species/turtles/stranding\\_coordinators.htm](http://www.sefsc.noaa.gov/species/turtles/stranding_coordinators.htm) (phone numbers vary by state). Additional information may be found at the following website: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/report>. Any injured or dead protected species should also be reported to [takereport.nmfsser@noaa.gov](mailto:takereport.nmfsser@noaa.gov). In addition, if the injury or death was caused by a collision with the operator's vessel, an entrapment within the operator's equipment or vessel (e.g. moon pool), or an entanglement within the operator's equipment, the operator must further notify BOEM and BSEE within 24 hours of the strike or entrapment/entanglement by email to [protectedspecies@boem.gov](mailto:protectedspecies@boem.gov) and [protectedspecies@bsee.gov](mailto:protectedspecies@bsee.gov). If the vessel is the responsible party, it is required to remain available to assist the respective salvage and stranding network as needed.

These proposed operations may utilize a moon pool(s) to conduct various subsea activities. LLOG's contractor or company representative will provide a dedicated crew member to monitor and continually survey the moon pool area during the operations for sea turtles. If any sea turtle is detected in the moon pool, LLOG will cease operations and contact NMFS at [nmfs.psoreview@noaa.gov](mailto:nmfs.psoreview@noaa.gov) and BSEE at [protectedspecies@bsee.gov](mailto:protectedspecies@bsee.gov) and 985-722-7902 for additional guidance and incidental report information. The procedures found in Appendix J of the National Marine Fisheries Service Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 Biological Opinion will be employed to free entrapped or entangled marine life safely.

All sea turtle species and their life stages are vulnerable to the harmful effects of oil through direct contact or by fouling of their food. Exposure to oil can be fatal, particularly to juveniles and hatchlings. However, it is unlikely that an accidental oil spill would occur from the proposed activities (refer to **Item 5**, Water Quality). Oil spill response activities may increase vessel traffic in the area, which could add to the possibility of collisions with sea turtles. The activities proposed in this plan will be covered by LLOG's Regional Oil Spill Response Plan (refer to information submitted in accordance with **Appendix H**).

The NMFS Office of Protected Resources coordinates agency assessment of the need for response and leads response efforts for spills that may impact sea turtles. If a spill may impact sea turtles, the following NMFS Protected Resources Contacts should be notified, and they will initiate notification of other relevant parties.

- Dr. Brian Stacy at [brian.stacy@noaa.gov](mailto:brian.stacy@noaa.gov) and 352-283-3370 (cell); or
- Stacy Hargrove at [stacy.hargrove@noaa.gov](mailto:stacy.hargrove@noaa.gov) and 305-781-7453 (cell)

There are no other IPFs (including physical disturbances to the seafloor) from the proposed activities that are likely to impact sea turtles.

## **9. Air Quality**

IPFs that could cause impacts to air quality as a result of the proposed operations include accidents.

The projected air emissions identified in **Appendix G** are not expected to affect the OCS air quality primarily due to distance to the shore or to any Prevention of Significant Deterioration Class I air quality area such as the Breton Wilderness Area. Green Canyon Block 953 is beyond the 200-kilometer (124 mile) buffer for the Breton Wilderness Area and is 141 miles from the coastline. Therefore, no special mitigation, monitoring, or reporting requirements apply with respect to air emissions.

Accidents and blowouts can release hydrocarbons or chemicals, which could cause the emission of air pollutants. However, these releases would not impact onshore air quality because of the prevailing atmospheric conditions, emission height, emission rates, and the distance of Green Canyon Block 953 from the coastline. There are no other IPFs (including effluents, physical disturbances to the seafloor, wastes sent to shore for treatment or disposal) from the proposed activities that are likely to impact air quality.

## **10. Shipwreck Sites (known or potential)**

In accordance with BOEM NTL 2005-G07, LLOG will submit an archaeological resource report per 30 CFR 550.194 if directed to do so by the Regional Director.

IPFs that could impact known or unknown shipwreck sites as a result of the proposed operations in Green Canyon Block 953 include disturbances to the seafloor.

**Physical disturbances to the seafloor:** A Drillship or DP Semi-Submersible is being used for the proposed activities; therefore, only an insignificant amount of seafloor will be disturbed. Because physical disturbances to the seafloor will be minimized by the use of a Drillship or DP Semi-Submersible, LLOG's proposed operations in Green Canyon Block 953 are not likely to impact shipwreck sites.

Additionally, Green Canyon Block 953 is not located in or adjacent to an OCS block designated by BOEM as having a high probability for occurrence of shipwrecks. Should LLOG discover any evidence of a shipwreck, they will immediately halt operations within a 1000-foot radius, report to BOEM within 48 hours, and make every reasonable effort to preserve and protect that cultural resource.

There are no other IPFs (including emissions, effluents, wastes sent to shore for treatment or disposal, or accidents) from the proposed activities that are likely to impact shipwreck sites.

### **11. Prehistoric Archaeological Sites**

In accordance with BOEM NTL 2005-G07, LLOG will submit an archaeological resource report per 30 CFR 550.194 if directed to do so by the Regional Director.

IPFs that could impact prehistoric archaeological sites as a result of the proposed operations in Green Canyon Block 953 are physical disturbances to the seafloor and accidents.

**Physical disturbances to the seafloor:** A Drillship or DP Semi-Submersible is being used for the proposed activities; therefore, only an insignificant amount of seafloor will be disturbed. Because physical disturbances to the seafloor will be minimized by the use of a Drillship or DP Semi-Submersible, LLOG's proposed operations in Green Canyon Block 953 are not likely to impact prehistoric archaeological sites.

Additionally, Green Canyon Block 953 is not located in or adjacent to an OCS block designated by BOEM as having a high probability for occurrence of prehistoric archaeological sites. Should LLOG discover any objects of prehistoric archaeological significance, they will immediately halt operations within a 1000-foot radius, report to BOEM within 48 hours, and make every reasonable effort to preserve and protect those cultural resources.

**Accidents:** An accidental oil spill has the potential to cause some detrimental effects to prehistoric archaeological sites if the release were to occur subsea. However, it is unlikely that an accidental oil spill would occur from the proposed activities (refer to **Item 5**, Water Quality). The activities proposed in this plan will be covered by LLOG's Regional Oil Spill Response Plan (refer to information submitted in accordance with **Appendix H**).

There are no other IPFs (including emissions, effluents or wastes sent to shore for treatment or disposal) from the proposed activities that are likely to impact prehistoric archeological sites.

### **Vicinity of Offshore Location**

#### **12. Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)**

IPFs that could cause impacts to EFH as a result of the proposed operations in Green Canyon Block 953 include physical disturbances to the seafloor, effluents, and accidents. EFH includes all estuarine and marine waters and substrates in the Gulf of Mexico.

**Physical disturbances to the seafloor:** Turbidity and sedimentation resulting from the bottom disturbing activities included in the proposed operations would be short term and localized. Fish are mobile and would avoid these temporarily suspended sediments. Additionally, the Live Bottom Low Relief Stipulation, the Live Bottom (Pinnacle Trend) Stipulation, and the Eastern Gulf Pinnacle Trend Stipulation have been put in place to minimize the impacts of bottom disturbing activities. Also, a Drillship or DP Semi-Submersible is being used for the proposed activities; therefore, only an insignificant amount of seafloor will be disturbed and the bottom disturbing activities from the proposed operations should only have a negligible impact on EFH.

**Effluents:** The Live Bottom Low Relief Stipulation, the Live Bottom (Pinnacle Trend) Stipulation, and the Eastern Gulf Pinnacle Trend Stipulation would prevent most of the potential impacts on live-bottom communities and EFH from operational waste discharges. Levels of contaminants in drilling muds and cuttings and produced-water discharges, discharge-rate restrictions, and monitoring and toxicity testing are regulated by the EPA NPDES permit, thereby eliminating many significant biological or ecological effects. Operational discharges are not expected to cause significant adverse impacts to EFH.

**Accidents:** An accidental oil spill has the potential to cause some detrimental effects on EFH. Oil spills that contact coastal bays and estuaries, as well as OCS waters when pelagic eggs and larvae are present, have the greatest potential to affect fisheries. However, it is unlikely that an oil spill would occur from the proposed activities (refer to **Item 5**, Water Quality). The activities proposed in this plan will be covered by LLOG's Regional OSRP (refer to information submitted in **Appendix H**).

There are no other IPFs (including emissions, physical disturbances to the seafloor and wastes sent to shore for treatment or disposal) from the proposed activities that are likely to impact essential fish habitat.

### **13. Marine and Pelagic Birds**

IPFs that could impact marine birds as a result of the proposed activities include emissions (air, noise / sound), accidental oil spills, and discarded trash and debris from vessels and the facilities.

#### **Emissions:**

##### *Air Emissions*

Emissions of pollutants into the atmosphere from these activities are far below concentrations which could harm coastal and marine birds.

##### *Noise / Sound Emissions*

The OCS oil-and gas-related helicopters and vessels have the potential to cause noise and disturbance. However, flight altitude restrictions over sensitive habitat, including that of birds, may make serious disturbance unlikely. Birds are also known to habituate to noises, including airport noise. It is an assumption that the OCS oil-and gas-related vessel traffic would follow regular routes; if so, seabirds would find the noise to be familiar. Therefore, the impact of OCS oil-and gas-related noise from helicopters and vessels to birds would be expected to be negligible.

The use of explosives for decommissioning activities may potentially kill one or more birds from barotrauma if a bird (or several birds because birds may occur in a flock) is present at the location of the severance. For the impact of underwater sound, a threshold of 202 dB sound exposure level (SEL) for injury and 208 dB SEL for barotrauma was recommended for the *Brahyramphus marmoratus*, a diving seabird (USDOJ, FWS, 2011). However, since the use of explosive severance of facilities for decommissioning are not included in these proposed operations, these impacts are not expected.

**Accidents:** An oil spill would cause localized, low-level petroleum hydrocarbon contamination. However, it is unlikely that an oil spill would occur from the proposed activities (refer to **Item 5**, Water Quality). Marine and pelagic birds feeding at the spill location may experience chronic, nonfatal, physiological stress. It is expected that few, if any, coastal and marine birds would be affected to that extent. The activities proposed in this plan will be covered by LLOG's Regional OSRP (refer to information submitted in **Appendix H**).

**Discarded trash and debris:** Marine and pelagic birds could become entangled and snared in discarded trash and debris, or ingest small plastic debris, which can cause permanent injuries and death. Operators are prohibited from deliberately discharging debris as mandated by MARPOL-Annex V, the Marine Plastic Pollution Research and Control Act, and regulations imposed by various agencies, including the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

LLOG will operate in accordance with the regulations, agency guidance, and Appendix B of the National Marine Fisheries Service Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 Biological Opinion and also avoid accidental loss of solid waste items by maintaining waste management plans, manifesting trash sent to shore, and using special precautions such as covering outside trash bins to prevent accidental loss of solid waste. Special caution will be exercised when handling and disposing of small items and packaging materials, particularly those made of non-biodegradable, environmentally persistent materials such as plastic or glass. LLOG will also collect and remove flotsam resulting from activities related to proposed operations.



Informational placards will be posted on all vessels and facilities having sleeping or food preparation capabilities. All offshore personnel, including contractors and other support services-related personnel (e.g. helicopter pilots, vessel captains and boat crews) will be indoctrinated on waste procedures, and will view the video (or Microsoft PowerPoint presentation), “Think About It” (previously “All Washed Up: The Beach Litter Problem”). Thereafter, all personnel will view the marine trash and debris training video annually. Offshore personnel will also receive an explanation from LLOG management or the designated lease operator management that emphasizes their commitment to waste management in accordance with NTL No. 2015-G03-BSEE. Debris, if any, from these proposed activities will seldom interact with marine and pelagic birds; therefore, the effects will be negligible.

**ESA bird species:** Seven species found in the GOM are listed under the ESA. BOEM consults on these species and requires mitigations that would decrease the potential for greater impacts due to small population size.

There are no other IPFs (including effluents, physical disturbances to the seafloor, or wastes sent to shore for treatment or disposal) from the proposed activities that are likely to impact marine and pelagic birds.

#### **14. Public Health and Safety Due to Accidents.**

There are no IPFs (emissions, effluents, physical disturbances to the seafloor, wastes sent to shore for treatment or disposal or accidents, including an accidental H<sub>2</sub>S release) from the proposed activities which could cause impacts to public health and safety. In accordance with NTL No.’s 2008-G04, 2009-G27, and 2009-G31, sufficient information is included in **Appendix D** to justify our request that our proposed activities be classified by BSEE as H<sub>2</sub>S absent.

### **Coastal and Onshore**

#### **15. Beaches**

IPFs from the proposed activities that could cause impacts to beaches include accidents and discarded trash and debris.

**Accidents:** Oil spills contacting beaches would have impacts on the use of recreational beaches and associated resources. Due to the distance from shore (141 miles) and the response capabilities that would be implemented, no significant adverse impacts are expected. The activities proposed in this plan will be covered by LLOG’s Regional OSRP (refer to information submitted in **Appendix H**).

**Discarded trash and debris:** Trash on the beach is recognized as a major threat to the enjoyment and use of beaches. There will only be a limited amount of marine debris, if any,

resulting from the proposed activities. Operators are prohibited from deliberately discharging debris as mandated by MARPOL-Annex V, the Marine Plastic Pollution Research and Control Act, and regulations imposed by various agencies, including the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

LLOG will operate in accordance with the regulations, agency guidance, and Appendix B of the National Marine Fisheries Service Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 Biological Opinion and also avoid accidental loss of solid waste items by maintaining waste management plans, manifesting trash sent to shore, and using special precautions such as covering outside trash bins to prevent accidental loss of solid waste. Special caution will be exercised when handling and disposing of small items and packaging materials, particularly those made of non-biodegradable, environmentally persistent materials such as plastic or glass. LLOG will also collect and remove flotsam resulting from activities related to proposed operations.

Informational placards will be posted on all vessels and facilities having sleeping or food preparation capabilities. All offshore personnel, including contractors and other support services-related personnel (e.g. helicopter pilots, vessel captains and boat crews) will be indoctrinated on waste procedures, and will view the video (or Microsoft PowerPoint presentation), “Think About It” (*previously “All Washed Up: The Beach Litter Problem”*). Thereafter, all personnel will view the marine trash and debris training video annually. Offshore personnel will also receive an explanation from LLOG management or the designated lease operator management that emphasizes their commitment to waste management in accordance with NTL No. 2015-G03-BSEE.

There are no other IPFs (emissions, effluents, physical disturbances to the seafloor, or wastes sent to shore for treatment or disposal) from the proposed activities that are likely to impact beaches.

## **16. Wetlands**

IPFs from the proposed activities that could cause impacts to wetlands include accidents and discarded trash and debris.

**Accidents:** It is unlikely that an oil spill would occur from the proposed activities (refer to **Item 5**, Water Quality). Due to the distance from shore (141 miles) and the response capabilities that would be implemented, no impacts are expected. The activities proposed in this plan will be covered by LLOG’s Regional OSRP (refer to information submitted in **Appendix H**).

**Discarded trash and debris:** Trash on the beach is recognized as a major threat to the enjoyment and use of beaches. There will only be a limited amount of marine debris, if any, resulting from the proposed activities. Operators are prohibited from deliberately discharging

debris as mandated by MARPOL-Annex V, the Marine Plastic Pollution Research and Control Act, and regulations imposed by various agencies, including the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

LLOG will operate in accordance with the regulations, agency guidance, and Appendix B of the National Marine Fisheries Service Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 Biological Opinion and also avoid accidental loss of solid waste items by maintaining waste management plans, manifesting trash sent to shore, and using special precautions such as covering outside trash bins to prevent accidental loss of solid waste. Special caution will be exercised when handling and disposing of small items and packaging materials, particularly those made of non-biodegradable, environmentally persistent materials such as plastic or glass. LLOG will also collect and remove flotsam resulting from activities related to proposed operations.

Informational placards will be posted on all vessels and facilities having sleeping or food preparation capabilities. All offshore personnel, including contractors and other support services-related personnel (e.g. helicopter pilots, vessel captains and boat crews) will be indoctrinated on waste procedures, and will view the video (or Microsoft PowerPoint presentation), “Think About It” (previously “All Washed Up: The Beach Litter Problem”). Thereafter, all personnel will view the marine trash and debris training video annually. Offshore personnel will also receive an explanation from LLOG management or the designated lease operator management that emphasizes their commitment to waste management in accordance with NTL No. 2015-G03-BSEE.

There are no other IPFs (emissions, effluents, physical disturbances to the seafloor, or wastes sent to shore for treatment or disposal) from the proposed activities that are likely to impact beaches.

### **17. Shore Birds and Coastal Nesting Birds**

IPFs that could cause impacts to shore birds and coastal nesting birds as a result of the proposed operations include accidents and discarded trash and debris.

**Accidents:** Oil spills could cause impacts to shore birds and coastal nesting birds. However, it is unlikely that an oil spill would occur from the proposed activities (refer to **Item 5**, Water Quality). Given the distance from shore (141 miles) and the response capabilities that would be implemented, no impacts are expected. The activities proposed in this plan will be covered by LLOG’s Regional OSRP (refer to information submitted in **Appendix H**).

**Discarded trash and debris:** Coastal and marine birds are highly susceptible to entanglement in floating, submerged, and beached marine debris: specifically, plastics. Operators are prohibited from deliberately discharging debris as mandated by MARPOL-Annex V, the Marine Plastic

Pollution Research and Control Act, and regulations imposed by various agencies including the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

LLOG will operate in accordance with the regulations, agency guidance, and Appendix B of the National Marine Fisheries Service Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 Biological Opinion and also avoid accidental loss of solid waste items by maintaining waste management plans, manifesting trash sent to shore, and using special precautions such as covering outside trash bins to prevent accidental loss of solid waste. Special caution will be exercised when handling and disposing of small items and packaging materials, particularly those made of non-biodegradable, environmentally persistent materials such as plastic or glass. LLOG will also collect and remove flotsam resulting from activities related to proposed operations.

Informational placards will be posted on vessels and every facility that has sleeping or food preparation capabilities. All offshore personnel, including contractors and other support services-related personnel (e.g. helicopter pilots, vessel captains and boat crews) will be indoctrinated on waste procedures, and will view the video (or Microsoft PowerPoint presentation), "Think About It" (previously "All Washed Up: The Beach Litter Problem"). Thereafter, all personnel will view the marine trash and debris training video annually. Offshore personnel will also receive an explanation from LLOG management or the designated lease operator management that emphasizes their commitment to waste management in accordance with NTL No. 2015-G03-BSEE.

There are no other IPFs (emissions, effluents, physical disturbances to the seafloor, or wastes sent to shore for treatment or disposal) from the proposed activities that are likely to impact shore birds and coastal nesting birds.

## **18. Coastal Wildlife Refuges**

IPFs that could cause impacts to coastal wildlife refuges as a result of the proposed operations include accidents and discarded trash and debris.

**Accidents:** An accidental oil spill from the proposed activities could cause impacts to coastal wildlife refuges. However, it is unlikely that an oil spill would occur from the proposed activities (refer to Item 5, Water Quality). Due to the distance from shore (141 miles) and the response capabilities that would be implemented, no impacts are expected. The activities proposed in this plan will be covered by LLOG's Regional OSRP (refer to information submitted in **Appendix H**).

**Discarded trash and debris:** Coastal and marine birds are highly susceptible to entanglement in floating, submerged, and beached marine debris: specifically, plastics. Operators are prohibited from deliberately discharging debris as mandated by MARPOL-Annex V, the Marine Plastic

Pollution Research and Control Act, and regulations imposed by various agencies including the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

LLOG will operate in accordance with the regulations, agency guidance, and Appendix B of the National Marine Fisheries Service Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 Biological Opinion and also avoid accidental loss of solid waste items by maintaining waste management plans, manifesting trash sent to shore, and using special precautions such as covering outside trash bins to prevent accidental loss of solid waste. Special caution will be exercised when handling and disposing of small items and packaging materials, particularly those made of non-biodegradable, environmentally persistent materials such as plastic or glass. LLOG will also collect and remove flotsam resulting from activities related to proposed operations.

Informational placards will be posted on vessels and every facility that has sleeping or food preparation capabilities. All offshore personnel, including contractors and other support services-related personnel (e.g. helicopter pilots, vessel captains and boat crews) will be indoctrinated on waste procedures, and will view the video (or Microsoft PowerPoint presentation), “Think About It” (previously “All Washed Up: The Beach Litter Problem”). Thereafter, all personnel will view the marine trash and debris training video annually. Offshore personnel will also receive an explanation from LLOG management or the designated lease operator management that emphasizes their commitment to waste management in accordance with NTL No. 2015-G03-BSEE.

There are no other IPFs (emissions, effluents, physical disturbances to the seafloor, or wastes sent to shore for treatment or disposal) from the proposed activities that are likely to impact shore birds and coastal nesting birds.

## **19. Wilderness Areas**

IPFs that could cause impacts to wilderness areas as a result of the proposed operations include accidents and discarded trash and debris.

**Accidents:** An accidental oil spill from the proposed activities could cause impacts to wilderness areas. However, it is unlikely that an oil spill would occur from the proposed activities (refer to **Item 5**, Water Quality). Due to the distance from the nearest designated Wilderness Area (185.6 miles) and the response capabilities that would be implemented, no significant adverse impacts are expected. The activities proposed in this plan will be covered by LLOG’s Regional OSRP (refer to information submitted in **Appendix H**).

**Discarded trash and debris:** Operators are prohibited from deliberately discharging debris as mandated by MARPOL-Annex V, the Marine Plastic Pollution Research and Control Act and

regulations imposed by various agencies including the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

LLOG will operate in accordance with the regulations, agency guidance, and Appendix B of the National Marine Fisheries Service Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 Biological Opinion and also avoid accidental loss of solid waste items by maintaining waste management plans, manifesting trash sent to shore, and using special precautions such as covering outside trash bins to prevent accidental loss of solid waste. Special caution will be exercised when handling and disposing of small items and packaging materials, particularly those made of non-biodegradable, environmentally persistent materials such as plastic or glass. LLOG will also collect and remove flotsam resulting from activities related to proposed operations.

Informational placards will be posted on vessels and every facility that has sleeping or food preparation capabilities. All offshore personnel, including contractors and other support services-related personnel (e.g. helicopter pilots, vessel captains and boat crews) will be indoctrinated on waste procedures, and will view the video (or Microsoft PowerPoint presentation), “Think About It” (*previously “All Washed Up: The Beach Litter Problem”*). Thereafter, all personnel will view the marine trash and debris training video annually. Offshore personnel will also receive an explanation from LLOG management or the designated lease operator management that emphasizes their commitment to waste management in accordance with NTL No. 2015-G03-BSEE.

There are no other IPFs (emissions, effluents, physical disturbances to the seafloor, or wastes sent to shore for treatment or disposal) from the proposed activities that are likely to impact wilderness areas.

## **20. Other Environmental Resources Identified**

### **20.1 – Bryde’s Whale**

The Bryde’s whale is the only commonly occurring baleen whale in the northern Gulf of Mexico and has been sighted off western Florida and in the De Soto Canyon region. The Bryde’s whale area is over 201 miles from the proposed operations. Additionally, vessel traffic associated with the proposed operations will not flow through the Bryde’s whale area. Therefore, there are no IPFs from the proposed activities that are likely to impact the Bryde’s whale. Additional information on marine mammals may be found in **Item 7**.

### **20.2 – Gulf Sturgeon**

The Gulf sturgeon resides primarily in inland estuaries and rivers from Louisiana to Florida and a small population of the species enters the Gulf of Mexico seasonally in western Florida. Potential IPFs from the proposed activities that could cause impacts to the Gulf sturgeon

include accidents, emissions (noise / sound), and discarded trash and debris. Additional information on ESA-listed fishes may be found in **Item 6**.

**Accidents:** Collisions between support vessels and the Gulf sturgeon would be unusual events; however, should one occur, death or injury to the Gulf sturgeon is possible. Contract vessel operators can avoid protected aquatic species and reduce potential deaths by maintaining a vigilant watch and a distance of 50 meters or greater, with the exception of animals that approach the vessel. Vessel personnel should use a Gulf of Mexico reference guide that includes identifying information on marine mammals, sea turtles, and other marine protected species (i.e., Endangered Species Act listed species such as Gulf sturgeon, giant manta ray, or oceanic whitetip shark) that may be encountered in the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

Contract vessel operators will comply with the measures included in Appendix C of the NMFS Biological Opinion and requirements of the Protected Species Lease Stipulation, except under extraordinary circumstances when the safety of the vessel or crew is in doubt or the safety of life at sea is in question.

Should an ESA-listed fish (e.g. giant manta ray, oceanic whitetip shark, or Gulf sturgeon) be entrapped, entangled, or injured, personnel should contact the ESA Section 7 biologist at (301) 427-8413 ([nmfs.psoreview@noaa.gov](mailto:nmfs.psoreview@noaa.gov)) and report all incidents to [takereport.nmfs@noaa.gov](mailto:takereport.nmfs@noaa.gov). After making the appropriate notifications, LLOG may call BSEE at (985) 722-7902 for questions or additional guidance on recovery assistance needs, continued monitoring requirements, and incidental report information which at minimum is detailed below. Additional information may be found at the following website: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/report>. Any injured or dead protected species should also be reported to [takereport.nmfs@noaa.gov](mailto:takereport.nmfs@noaa.gov). In addition, if the injury or death was caused by a collision with the operator's vessel, an entrapment within the operator's equipment or vessel (e.g. moon pool), or an entanglement within the operator's equipment, the operator must further notify BOEM and BSEE within 24 hours of the strike or entrapment/entanglement by email to [protectedspecies@boem.gov](mailto:protectedspecies@boem.gov) and [protectedspecies@bsee.gov](mailto:protectedspecies@bsee.gov). If the vessel is the responsible party, it is required to remain available to assist the respective salvage and stranding network as needed.

Due to the distance from the nearest identified Gulf sturgeon critical habitat (202.6 miles) and the response capabilities that would be implemented during a spill, no significant adverse impacts are expected to the Gulf sturgeon. Considering the information from the National Marine Fisheries Service Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 Biological Opinion, the location of this critical habitat in relation to proposed operations, the likely dilution of oil reaching nearshore areas, and the on-going weathering and dispersal of oil over time, we do

not anticipate the effects from oil spills will appreciably diminish the value of Gulf sturgeon designated critical habitat for the conservation of the species. The activities proposed in this plan will be covered by LLOG's Regional OSRP (refer to information submitted in **Appendix H**).

**Emissions (noise / sound):** All routine OCS oil-and gas-related activities have some element of sound generation. Common sound sources include propeller cavitation, rotating machinery, and reciprocating machinery, which are associated with routine OCS oil-and gas-related activities such as vessel traffic, drilling, construction, and oil and gas production, processing, and transport. Sound introduced into the marine environment as a result of human activities has the potential to affect marine organisms. The National Marine Fisheries Service Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 Biological Opinion found that construction and operational sounds other than pile driving will have insignificant effects on Gulf sturgeon (NMFS, 2020). There are no pile driving activities associated with the proposed operations, therefore noise impacts are not expected to significantly affect Gulf sturgeon.

**Discarded trash and debris:** Trash and debris are not expected to impact the Gulf sturgeon. There will only be a limited amount of marine debris, if any, resulting from the proposed activities. Operators are prohibited from deliberately discharging debris as mandated by MARPOL-Annex V, the Marine Plastic Pollution Research and Control Act, and regulations imposed by various agencies including the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

LLOG will operate in accordance with the regulations, agency guidance, and Appendix B of the National Marine Fisheries Service Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 Biological Opinion and also avoid accidental loss of solid waste items by maintaining waste management plans, manifesting trash sent to shore, and using special precautions such as covering outside trash bins to prevent accidental loss of solid waste. Special caution will be exercised when handling and disposing of small items and packaging materials, particularly those made of non-biodegradable, environmentally persistent materials such as plastic or glass. LLOG will also collect and remove flotsam resulting from activities related to proposed operations.

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There are no other IPFs (effluents, physical disturbances to the seafloor, or wastes sent to shore for treatment or disposal) from the proposed activities that are likely to impact the Gulf sturgeon.

### **20.3 – Oceanic Whitetip Shark**

Oceanic whitetip sharks may be found in tropical and subtropical waters around the world, including the Gulf of Mexico (Young 2016). According to the National Marine Fisheries Service Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 Biological Opinion, Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for the oceanic whitetip shark includes localized areas in the central Gulf of Mexico and Florida Keys. Oceanic whitetip sharks were listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act in 2018 due to worldwide overfishing. Oceanic whitetip sharks had an abundant worldwide population, which has been threatened in recent years by inadequate regulatory measures governing fisheries; therefore, there is little research regarding the impact of oil and gas operations on oceanic whitetip sharks (NMFS, 2020). IPFs that have been determined by NMFS to be discountable to oceanic whitetip sharks include vessel strike, emissions (noise / sound), discharges, entanglement and entrapment, and marine debris. IPFs that could cause impacts to oceanic whitetip sharks as a result of the proposed operations in Green Canyon Block 953 include accidents. Additional information on ESA-listed fishes may be found in **Item 6**.

**Accidents:** Collisions between support vessels and the oceanic whitetip shark would be unusual events, however, should one occur, death or injury to the oceanic whitetip shark is possible. Contract vessel operators can avoid protected aquatic species and reduce potential deaths by maintaining a vigilant watch and a distance of 50 meters or greater, with the exception of animals that approach the vessel. Vessel personnel should use a Gulf of Mexico reference guide that includes identifying information on marine mammals, sea turtles, and other marine protected species (i.e., Endangered Species Act listed species such as Gulf sturgeon, giant manta ray, or oceanic whitetip shark) that may be encountered in the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

Contract vessel operators will comply with the measures included in Appendix C of the NMFS Biological Opinion and requirements of the Protected Species Lease Stipulation, except under extraordinary circumstances when the safety of the vessel or crew is in doubt or the safety of life at sea is in question.

Should an ESA-listed fish (e.g. giant manta ray, oceanic whitetip shark, or Gulf sturgeon) be entrapped, entangled, or injured, personnel should contact the ESA Section 7 biologist at (301) 427-8413 ([nmfs.psoreview@noaa.gov](mailto:nmfs.psoreview@noaa.gov)) and report all incidents to [takereport.nmfs@noaa.gov](mailto:takereport.nmfs@noaa.gov). After making the appropriate notifications, LLOG may call BSEE at (985) 722-7902 for questions or additional guidance on recovery assistance needs, continued

monitoring requirements, and incidental report information which at minimum is detailed below. Additional information may be found at the following website: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/report>. Any injured or dead protected species should also be reported to [takereport.nmfs@noaa.gov](mailto:takereport.nmfs@noaa.gov). In addition, if the injury or death was caused by a collision with the operator's vessel, an entrapment within the operator's equipment or vessel (e.g. moon pool), or an entanglement within the operator's equipment, the operator must further notify BOEM and BSEE within 24 hours of the strike or entrapment/entanglement by email to [protectedspecies@boem.gov](mailto:protectedspecies@boem.gov) and [protectedspecies@bsee.gov](mailto:protectedspecies@bsee.gov). If the vessel is the responsible party, it is required to remain available to assist the respective salvage and stranding network as needed.

There is little information available on the impacts of oil spills or dispersants on oceanic whitetip sharks. It is expected that exposure of oil or dispersants to oceanic whitetip sharks would likely result in effects similar to other marine species, including fitness reduction and the possibility of mortality (NMFS, 2020). Due to the sparse population in the Gulf of Mexico, it is possible that a small number of oceanic whitetip sharks could be impacted by an oil spill. However, it is unlikely that such an event would occur from the proposed activities (refer to **Item 5, Water Quality**). The activities proposed in this plan will be covered by LLOG's Regional OSRP (refer to information submitted in **Appendix H**).

**Discarded trash and debris:** There is little available information on the effects of marine debris on oceanic whitetip sharks. Since these sharks are normally associated with surface waters, they may be susceptible to entanglement. However, due to the small, widely dispersed, and highly mobile population in the Gulf of Mexico, and the localized and patchy distribution of marine debris, it is extremely unlikely that oceanic whitetip sharks would be impacted by marine debris.

There will only be a limited amount of marine debris, if any, resulting from the proposed activities. Operators are prohibited from deliberately discharging debris as mandated by MARPOL-Annex V, the Marine Plastic Pollution Research and Control Act, and regulations imposed by various agencies, including the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

LLOG will operate in accordance with the regulations, agency guidance, and Appendix B of the National Marine Fisheries Service Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 Biological Opinion and also avoid accidental loss of solid waste items by maintaining waste management plans, manifesting trash sent to shore, and using special precautions such as covering outside trash bins to prevent accidental loss of solid waste. Special caution will be exercised when handling and disposing of small items and packaging materials, particularly those made of non-

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There are no IPFs from effluents, physical disturbances to the seafloor, or wastes sent to shore for disposal from the proposed activities that are likely to impact oceanic whitetip sharks.

#### **20.4 – Giant Manta Ray**

According to the National Marine Fisheries Service Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 Biological Opinion, the giant manta ray lives in tropical, subtropical, and temperate oceanic waters and productive coastlines throughout the Gulf of Mexico. While uncommon in the Gulf of Mexico, there is a population of approximately 70 giant manta rays in the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary (Miller and Klimovich 2017). Giant manta rays were listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act in 2018 due to worldwide overfishing. Giant manta rays had an abundant worldwide population, which has been threatened in recent years by inadequate regulatory measures governing fisheries; therefore, there is little research regarding the impact of oil and gas operations on giant manta rays (NMFS, 2020). IPFs that have been determined by NMFS to be discountable to giant manta rays include vessel strike, emissions (noise / sound), discharges, entanglement and entrapment, and marine debris. IPFs that could cause impacts to giant manta rays as a result of the proposed operations in Green Canyon Block 953 include accidents. Additional information on ESA-listed fishes may be found in **Item 6**.

**Accidents:** Collisions between support vessels and the giant manta ray would be unusual events, however, should one occur, death or injury to the giant manta ray is possible. Contract vessel operators can avoid protected aquatic species and reduce potential deaths by maintaining a vigilant watch and a distance of 50 meters or greater, with the exception of animals that approach the vessel. Vessel personnel should use a Gulf of Mexico reference guide that includes identifying information on marine mammals, sea turtles, and other marine protected species (i.e., Endangered Species Act listed species such as Gulf sturgeon, giant

manta ray, or oceanic whitetip shark) that may be encountered in the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

Contract vessel operators will comply with the measures included in Appendix C of the NMFS Biological Opinion and requirements of the Protected Species Lease Stipulation, except under extraordinary circumstances when the safety of the vessel or crew is in doubt or the safety of life at sea is in question.

Should an ESA-listed fish (e.g. giant manta ray, oceanic whitetip shark, or Gulf sturgeon) be entrapped, entangled, or injured, personnel should contact the ESA Section 7 biologist at (301) 427-8413 ([nmfs.psoreview@noaa.gov](mailto:nmfs.psoreview@noaa.gov)) and report all incidents to [takereport.nmfs@noaa.gov](mailto:takereport.nmfs@noaa.gov). After making the appropriate notifications, LLOG may call BSEE at (985) 722-7902 for questions or additional guidance on recovery assistance needs, continued monitoring requirements, and incidental report information which at minimum is detailed below. Additional information may be found at the following website: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/report>. Any injured or dead protected species should also be reported to [takereport.nmfs@noaa.gov](mailto:takereport.nmfs@noaa.gov). In addition, if the injury or death was caused by a collision with the operator's vessel, an entrapment within the operator's equipment or vessel (e.g. moon pool), or an entanglement within the operator's equipment, the operator must further notify BOEM and BSEE within 24 hours of the strike or entrapment/entanglement by email to [protectedspecies@boem.gov](mailto:protectedspecies@boem.gov) and [protectedspecies@bsee.gov](mailto:protectedspecies@bsee.gov). If the vessel is the responsible party, it is required to remain available to assist the respective salvage and stranding network as needed.

There is little information available on the impacts of oil spills or dispersants on giant manta rays. It is expected that exposure of oil or dispersants to giant manta rays would likely result in effects similar to other marine species, including fitness reduction and the possibility of mortality (NMFS, 2020). It is possible that a small number of giant manta rays could be impacted by an oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. However, due to the distance to the Flower Garden Banks (196.9 miles), the low population dispersed throughout the Gulf of Mexico, and the response capabilities that would be implemented during a spill, no significant adverse impacts are expected to impact giant manta rays. Additionally, it is unlikely that such an event would occur from the proposed activities (refer to **Item 5**, Water Quality). The activities proposed in this plan will be covered by LLOG's Regional OSRP (refer to information submitted in **Appendix H**).

**Discarded trash and debris:** There is little available information on the effects of marine debris on giant manta rays. Since these sharks are normally associated with surface waters, they may be susceptible to entanglement. However, due to the small, widely dispersed, and highly mobile population in the Gulf of Mexico, and the localized and patchy distribution of marine

debris, it is extremely unlikely that oceanic whitetip sharks would be impacted by marine debris.

There will only be a limited amount of marine debris, if any, resulting from the proposed activities. Operators are prohibited from deliberately discharging debris as mandated by MARPOL-Annex V, the Marine Plastic Pollution Research and Control Act, and regulations imposed by various agencies including, the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

LLOG will operate in accordance with the regulations, agency guidance, and Appendix B of the National Marine Fisheries Service Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 Biological Opinion and also avoid accidental loss of solid waste items by maintaining waste management plans, manifesting trash sent to shore, and using special precautions such as covering outside trash bins to prevent accidental loss of solid waste. Special caution will be exercised when handling and disposing of small items and packaging materials, particularly those made of non-biodegradable, environmentally persistent materials such as plastic or glass. LLOG will also collect and remove flotsam resulting from activities related to proposed operations.

Informational placards will be posted on all vessels and facilities having sleeping or food preparation capabilities. All offshore personnel, including contractors and other support services-related personnel (e.g. helicopter pilots, vessel captains and boat crews) will be indoctrinated on waste procedures, and will view the video (or Microsoft PowerPoint presentation), "Think About It" (previously "All Washed Up: The Beach Litter Problem"). Thereafter, all personnel will view the marine trash and debris training video annually. Offshore personnel will also receive an explanation from LLOG management or the designated lease operator management that emphasizes their commitment to waste management in accordance with NTL No. 2015-G03-BSEE.

There are no IPFs from effluents, physical disturbances to the seafloor, or wastes sent to shore for disposal from the proposed activities that are likely to impact giant manta rays.

## **20.5 – Loggerhead Sea Turtle**

The loggerhead sea turtles are large sea turtles that inhabit continental shelf and estuarine environments throughout the temperate and tropical regions of the Atlantic Ocean, with nesting beaches along the northern and western Gulf of Mexico. NMFS issued a Final Rule in 2014 (79 FR 39855) designating a critical habitat including 38 marine areas within the Northwest Atlantic Ocean, with seven of those areas residing within the Gulf of Mexico. These areas contain one or a combination of habitat types: nearshore reproductive habitats, winter areas, breeding areas, constricted migratory corridors, and/or *Sargassum* habitats.

There are multiple IPFs that may impact loggerhead sea turtles (see **Item 8**). However, the closest loggerhead critical habitat is located 246 miles from Green Canyon Block 953; therefore, no adverse impacts are expected to the critical habitat. Additionally, considering the information from the National Marine Fisheries Service Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 Biological Opinion, we do not expect proposed operations to affect the ability of *Sargassum* to support adequate prey abundance and cover for loggerhead turtles.

### **20.6 - Protected Corals**

Protected coral habitats in the Gulf of Mexico range from Florida, the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary, and into the Caribbean, including Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Navassa Island. Four counties in Florida (Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe Counties) were designated as critical habitats for elkhorn (*Acropora palmata*) and staghorn (*Acropora cervicornis*) corals. These coral habitats are located outside of the planning area and are not expected to be impacted by the proposed actions. Elkhorn coral can also be found in the Flower Garden Banks along with three additional coral species, boulder star coral (*Orbicella franksi*), lobed star coral (*Orbicella annularis*), and mountainous star coral (*Orbicella faveolata*). IPFs from the proposed activities that could cause impacts to protected corals include accidents.

**Accidents:** It is unlikely that an accidental surface or subsurface spill would occur from the proposed activities (refer to statistics in **Item 5**, Water Quality). Oil spills cause damage to corals only if the oil contacts the organisms. Due to the distance from the Flower Garden Banks (196.9 miles) and other critical coral habitats, no adverse impacts are expected. The activities proposed in this plan will be covered by LLOG's Regional OSRP (refer to information submitted in **Appendix H**).

There are no other IPFs (including emissions, effluents, physical disturbances to the seafloor, and wastes sent to shore for disposal) from the proposed activities that are likely to impact protected corals.

### **20.7 - Endangered Beach Mice**

There are four subspecies of endangered beach mouse that are found in the dune systems along parts of Alabama and northwest Florida. Due to the location of Green Canyon Block 953 and the beach mouse critical habitat (above the intertidal zone), there are no IPFs that are likely to impact endangered beach mice.

### **20.8 - Navigation**

The current system of navigation channels around the northern GOM is believed to be generally adequate to accommodate traffic generated by the future Gulfwide OCS Program. As exploration and development activities increase on deepwater leases in the GOM, port

channels may need to be expanded to accommodate vessels with deeper drafts and longer ranges. However, current navigation channels will not be changed, and new channels will not be required as a result of the activities proposed in this plan.

### **(C) IMPACTS ON PROPOSED ACTIVITIES**

The site-specific environmental conditions have been taken into account for the proposed activities. No impacts are expected on the proposed activities from site-specific environmental conditions.

### **(D) ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS**

During the hurricane season, June through November, the Gulf of Mexico is impacted by an average of ten tropical storms (39-73 mph winds), of which six become hurricanes (> 74 mph winds). Due to its location in the Gulf, Green Canyon Block 953 may experience hurricane and tropical storm force winds and related sea currents. These factors can adversely impact the integrity of the operations covered by this plan. A significant storm may present physical hazards to operators and vessels, damage exploration or production equipment, or result in the release of hazardous materials (including hydrocarbons). Additionally, the displacement of equipment may disrupt the local benthic habitat and pose a threat to local species.

The following preventative measures included in this plan may be implemented to mitigate these impacts:

1. Drilling & completion
  - a. Secure well
  - b. Secure rig / platform
  - c. Evacuate personnel

Drilling activities will be conducted in accordance with NTL No.'s 2008-G09, 2009-G10, and 2010-N10.

2. Structure Installation

Operator will not conduct structure installation operations during Tropical Storm or Hurricane threat.

### **(E) ALTERNATIVES**

No alternatives to the proposed activities were considered to reduce environmental impacts.

### **(F) MITIGATION MEASURES**

No mitigation measures other than those required by regulation will be employed to avoid, diminish, or eliminate potential impacts on environmental resources.

## **(G) CONSULTATION**

No agencies or persons were consulted regarding potential impacts associated with the proposed activities. Therefore, a list of such entities has not been provided.

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**APPENDIX Q**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**  
**(30 CFR Part 550.228 and 550.262)**

**A. Exempted Information Description (Public Information Copies only)**

Excluded from the Public Information copies are the following:

- Proposed bottom hole location information
- Proposed total well depths (measured and true vertical depth)
- Production Rates and Life of Reserves
- New and Unusual Technologies
- Geological and Geophysical Attachments

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