

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

April 16, 2024

To: Public Information (MS 5030)
From: Plan Coordinator, FO, Plans Section (MS 5231)
Subject: Public Information copy of plan

Control # - N-10235
Type - Initial Exploration Plan
Lease(s) - OCS-G35724 Block - 107 Walker Ridge Area
OCS-G36926 Block - 151 Walker Ridge Area
Operator - Talos Petroleum LLC
Description - Subsea Wells A, A1 B, B1, C, C1, D, D1, E and E1
Rig Type - Not Found

Attached is a copy of the subject plan.

It has been deemed submitted as of this date and is under review for approval.

Leslie Wilson
Plan Coordinator

Site Type/Name	Botm Lse/Area/Blk	Surface Location	Surf Lse/Area/Blk
WELL/A	G36926/WR/151	5168 FNL, 2746 FEL	G36926/WR/151
WELL/A1	G36926/WR/151	5163 FNL, 2741 FEL	G36926/WR/151
WELL/B	G35724/WR/107	5554 FSL, 5371 FEL	G35724/WR/107
WELL/B1	G35724/WR/107	5559 FSL, 5366 FEL	G35724/WR/107
WELL/B1	G35724/WR/107	5554 FSL, 5371 FEL	G35724/WR/107
WELL/B2	G35724/WR/107	5554 FSL, 5371 FEL	G35724/WR/107
WELL/B2	G35724/WR/107	5549 FSL, 5376 FEL	G35724/WR/107
WELL/C	G36926/WR/151	1952 FNL, 5079 FEL	G36926/WR/151
WELL/C1	G36926/WR/151	1947 FNL, 5074 FEL	G36926/WR/151
WELL/C1	G36926/WR/151	1952 FNL, 5079 FEL	G36926/WR/151
WELL/D	G36926/WR/151	5276 FNL, 7490 FEL	G36926/WR/151
WELL/D1	G36926/WR/151	5271 FNL, 7485 FEL	G36926/WR/151
WELL/E	G35724/WR/107	885 FSL, 5318 FEL	G35724/WR/107
WELL/E1	G35724/WR/107	890 FSL, 5313 FEL	G35724/WR/107



WR 107 & 151
Well(s): A, B, C, D & E and respective alternate locations
OCS-G 35724 & 36926
INITIAL EXPLORATION PLAN

February 13, 2024

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
New Orleans Regional Office
ATTN: Plans Section
1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard
New Orleans, LA 70123

Ladies/Gentlemen:

Talos Petroleum has reviewed NTLs 2008-G04, BOEM 2015-N01 and other relevant NTLs and FAQs for the activities proposed herein and included in this submittal all pertinent proprietary and public information and documentation in regards to those activities.

The activities noted above are expected to commence on or about September 1, 2024.

All questions and/or correspondence regarding this plan should be submitted to Nicole Bueno at (713) 815-6555 or via email at nicole.bueno@talosenergy.com.

Your expedited review is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Nicole Bueno

Talos Petroleum LLC

Record of Change

Date	Plan Copy	Revision Location	Revision Description
03/21/2024	Proprietary & Public	BOEM-0137	- For 6 of the wells (A, A1, C, C1, D & D1) are named as MC instead of WR - Updated amount paid and Receipt No.
03/21/2024	Proprietary & Public	Pay.gov Receipt	Updated for 5 well locations

Nicole Bueno

Subject: Pay.gov Payment Confirmation: BOEM Exploration Plan - BF

From: notification@pay.gov <notification@pay.gov>

Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2024 11:33 AM

To: Nicole Bueno <Nicole.Bueno@talosenergy.com>

Subject: Pay.gov Payment Confirmation: BOEM Exploration Plan - BF

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Your payment has been submitted to [Pay.gov](#) and the details are below. If you have any questions regarding this payment, please contact Brenda Dickerson at (703) 787-1617 or BseeFinanceAccountsReceivable@bsee.gov.

Application Name: BOEM Exploration Plan - BF

[Pay.gov](#) Tracking ID: 27CTVDJR

Agency Tracking ID: 76669798345

Transaction Type: Sale

Transaction Date: 03/21/2024 12:32:42 PM EDT

Account Holder Name: Melissa Sassella

Transaction Amount: \$21,740.00

Card Type: MasterCard

Card Number: *****5056

Region: Gulf of Mexico

Contact: Nicole Bueno (713) 815-6555

Company Name/No: Talos Energy Ventures, LLC, 03026

Lease Number(s): 35724, 36926

Area-Block: Walker Ridge WR,107: Walker Ridge WR,151

Surface Locations: 5

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INITIAL EXPLORATION PLAN

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Lease Number: OCS-G 35724 & 36926

Area/Block: WR 107 & 151

Well(s): A, B, C, D & E and respective alternate locations

Offshore: Louisiana

Submitted By: Talos Petroleum (01834)
333 Clay St., Suite 3300
Houston, Tx 77002

**Estimated
Start-up Date:** Sunday, September 1, 2024

WR 107 & 151
Well(s): A, B, C, D & E and respective alternate locations
OCS-G 35724 & 36926

INITIAL EXPLORATION PLAN

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A) PLAN INFORMATION

Included in the attachments for this appendix is the OCS Plan Information Form BOEM-137, providing information on the activities proposed herein.

The status of previously proposed and approved activities in Exploration and/or Development Plans for this lease are as follows:

This is the first Exploration Plan submitted for the subject lease(s).

B) LOCATION

A map depicting the proposed surface and bottomhole locations is included in the attachments to this appendix of the proprietary information copy of this plan.

A map depicting the proposed surface locations is included in the attachments to the appendix of the public information copy of this plan.

C) SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION FEATURES

Talos Petroleum proposes to utilize a drillship or dynamically positioned semi-submersible for the drilling of this prospect. Rig specifications will be included in the Application for Permit to Drill.

We are also requesting permission to have the option of choosing the most appropriate/available drilling unit at the time our Application for Permit to Drill (APD) is filed. We are considering choosing one of the following drilling units; a drillship or dynamically positioned semi-submersible.

Safety features on the drilling unit selected will include pollution prevention, well control, and blowout prevention equipment as described in Title 30 CFR Part 250, Subparts C, D, E, and G; and as further clarified by DOI Notices to Lessees, and current policy making invoked by the DOI, Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Coast Guard. A Safety and Environmental Management System that is consistent with Title 30 CFR Part 250 Subparts "O" and "S" will be in effect during the proposed operations. In addition, the Well Control System, consisting of subsea BOP equipment, BOP control system, choke and kill lines, choke manifold, mud-gas separator, circulation system and monitoring (PVT) equipment will be installed and available upon demand when the riser and BOP is attached to the well. The emergency systems consisting of secondary BOP activation equipment, firefighting and abandonment equipment utilized will meet or exceed the regulatory requirements of the DOI and USCG.

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

The drilling rig and each of the marine vessels servicing the rig and its operations will be equipped with all U.S. Coast Guard required navigational safety aids to alert ships of its presence in all weather conditions.

D) STORAGE TANKS AND/OR PRODUCTION VESSELS

The table below provides the information on oil storage tanks with a capacity of 25 bbls or more. Tank capacities are representatives of either DP semi-submersible or drillship.

Type of Storage Tank	Type of Facility	Tank Capacity (bbls)	Number of Tanks	Total Capacity (bbls)	Fluid Gravity (API)
Fuel Oil	DP MODU	9250	4	37000	32.4
Fuel Oil	Crew Boat	394	1	394	30
Fuel Oil	Support Vessel	6630	1	6630	30
Fuel Oil	Support Vessel	6630	1	6630	30

E) POLLUTION PREVENTION

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to the activities proposed herein as the

State of Florida is not an affected State.

F) ADDITIONAL MEASURES

Talos Petroleum does not propose additional safety, pollution prevention, or early spill detection measures beyond those required by 30 CFR 250.

Talos Petroleum is a member of HWCG LLC, Clean Gulf Associates, and the National Response Corporation.

G) SERVICE FEE

In accordance with 30 CFR 550.125, included in the attachments for this appendix is a copy of the pay.gov receipt for the required service fee for the activities proposed in this plan.

OCS PLAN INFORMATION FORM

General Information									
Type of OCS Plan:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration Plan (EP)	Development Operations Coordination Document (DOCD)						
Company Name: TALOS PETROLEUM LLC			BOEM Operator Number: 01834						
Address:			Contact Person: NICOLE BUENO						
333 CLAY ST. SUITE 3300			Phone Number: 832-967-8350						
HOUSTON, TX 77002			E-Mail Address: NICOLE.BUENO@TALOSENERGY.COM						
If a service fee is required under 30 CFR 550.125(a), provide the				Amount paid	\$21,740.00	Receipt No.	27CTVDJR		
Project and Worst Case Discharge (WCD) Information									
Lease(s): G35724/G36926		Area: WR		Block(s): 151		Project Name (If Applicable): DAENERYS			
Objective(s)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Oil		Gas		Sulphur		Salt
		Onshore Support Base(s): PORT FOURCHON, LA							
Platform/Well Name: B		Total Volume of WCD: 95,564 BOPD				API Gravity: 31°			
Distance to Closest Land (Miles): 161				Volume from uncontrolled blowout: 95,564 BOPD					
Have you previously provided information to verify the calculations and assumptions for your WCD?						Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
Do you propose to use a vessel with anchors to install or modify a structure?						Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
Do you propose any facility that will serve as a host facility for deepwater subsea development?						Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
Description of Proposed Activities and Tentative Schedule (Mark all that apply)									
Proposed Activity				Start Date		End Date		No. of Days	
Drill & Complete A, B, C, D, and E and respective alternate loc.				09/01/2024		12/31/26		882	
Possible Future Well Operations				01/01/27		07/01/28		181/YR	
Note: Alternate locations are intended to be utilized as contingent drilling locations in the event of re-spud.									
Note: Operational order on proposed wells is interchangeable									
Description of Drilling Rig				Description of Structure					
	Jackup	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Drillship		Caisson		Tension leg platform		
	Gorilla Jackup		Platform rig		Fixed platform		Compliant tower		
	Semisubmersible		Submersible		Spar		Guyed tower		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DP Semisubmersible		Other (Attach Description)		Floating production system		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): WR 151 #1 – Well A				Previously reviewed under an approved EP or DOCD?			Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
Is this an existing well or structure?			Yes		No	If this is an existing well or structure, list the Complex ID or API No.		NA	
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		No
WCD info	For wells, volume of uncontrolled blowout (Bbls/day):			For structures, volume of all storage and pipelines (Bbls):			API Gravity of fluid		
	Surface Location			Bottom-Hole Location (For Wells)			Completion (For multiple completions, enter separate lines)		
Lease No.	OCS G36926			OCS			OCS OCS		
Area Name	WALKER RIDGE								
Block No.	151								
Blockline Departures (in feet)	N/S Departure: F____ L 5168.30 FNL			N/S Departure: F____ L			N/S Departure: F____ L N/S Departure: F____ L N/S Departure: F____ L		
	E/W Departure: F____ L 2746.22 FEL			E/W Departure: F____ L			E/W Departure: F____ L E/W Departure: F____ L E/W Departure: F____ L		
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Anchor Radius (if applicable) in feet:								TVD (Feet): TVD (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 or Structure Name/Number (If renaming well or structure, reference previous name): WR 151 #1 – Well A1				Previously reviewed under an approved EP or DOCD?			Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
Is this an existing well or structure?			Yes		No	If this is an existing well or structure, list the Complex ID or API No.		NA	
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		No
WCD info	For wells, volume of uncontrolled blowout (Bbls/day):			For structures, volume of all storage and pipelines (Bbls):			API Gravity of fluid		
	Surface Location			Bottom-Hole Location (For Wells)			Completion (For multiple completions, enter separate lines)		
Lease No.	OCS G36926			OCS			OCS OCS		
Area Name	WALKER RIDGE								
Block No.	151								
Blockline Departures (in feet)	N/S Departure: F____ L 5163.30 FNL			N/S Departure: F____ L			N/S Departure: F____ L N/S Departure: F____ L N/S Departure: F____ L		
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Anchor Locations for Drilling Rig or Construction Barge (If anchor radius supplied above, not necessary)									
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Proposed Well/Structure Location									
Well or Structure Name/Number (If renaming well or structure, reference previous name): WR107 #1 – Well B				Previously reviewed under an approved EP or DOCD?			Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
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?						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes		No
WCD info	For wells, volume of uncontrolled blowout (Bbls/day): 95,564 BOPD			For structures, volume of all storage and pipelines (Bbls):			API Gravity of fluid		31°
	Surface Location			Bottom-Hole Location (For Wells)			Completion (For multiple completions, enter separate lines)		
Lease No.	OCS G35724			OCS			OCS OCS		
Area Name	WALKER RIDGE								
Block No.	107								
Blockline Departures (in feet)	N/S Departure: F____ L 5554.00 FSL			N/S Departure: F____ L			N/S Departure: F____ L N/S Departure: F____ L N/S Departure: F____ L		
	E/W Departure: F____ L 5371.00 FEL			E/W Departure: F____ L			E/W Departure: F____ L E/W Departure: F____ L E/W Departure: F____ L		
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Anchor Radius (if applicable) in feet:								TVD (Feet): TVD (Feet):	
Anchor Locations for Drilling Rig or Construction Barge (If anchor radius supplied above, not necessary)									
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Proposed Well/Structure Location									
Well or Structure Name/Number (If renaming well or structure, reference previous name): WR107 #1 – Well B1				Previously reviewed under an approved EP or DOCD?			Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
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?						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes		No
WCD info	For wells, volume of uncontrolled blowout (Bbls/day):			For structures, volume of all storage and pipelines (Bbls):			API Gravity of fluid		
	Surface Location			Bottom-Hole Location (For Wells)			Completion (For multiple completions, enter separate lines)		
Lease No.	OCS G35724			OCS			OCS OCS		
Area Name	WALKER RIDGE								
Block No.	107								
Blockline Departures (in feet)	N/S Departure: F____ L 5554.00 FSL			N/S Departure: F____ L			N/S Departure: F____ L N/S Departure: F____ L N/S Departure: F____ L		
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Well or Structure Name/Number (If renaming well or structure, reference previous name): WR107 #1 – Well B2				Previously reviewed under an approved EP or DOCD?			Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
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?						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes		No
WCD info	For wells, volume of uncontrolled blowout (Bbls/day):			For structures, volume of all storage and pipelines (Bbls):			API Gravity of fluid		
	Surface Location			Bottom-Hole Location (For Wells)			Completion (For multiple completions, enter separate lines)		
Lease No.	OCS G35724			OCS			OCS OCS		
Area Name	WALKER RIDGE								
Block No.	107								
Blockline Departures (in feet)	N/S Departure: F____ L 5554.00 FSL			N/S Departure: F____ L			N/S Departure: F____ L N/S Departure: F____ L N/S Departure: F____ L		
	E/W Departure: F____ L 5371.00 FEL			E/W Departure: F____ L			E/W Departure: F____ L E/W Departure: F____ L E/W Departure: F____ L		
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Well or Structure Name/Number (If renaming well or structure, reference previous name): WR 151 #2 – Well C				Previously reviewed under an approved EP or DOCD?			Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
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?						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes		No
WCD info	For wells, volume of uncontrolled blowout (Bbls/day):			For structures, volume of all storage and pipelines (Bbls):			API Gravity of fluid		
	Surface Location			Bottom-Hole Location (For Wells)			Completion (For multiple completions, enter separate lines)		
Lease No.	OCS G36926			OCS			OCS OCS		
Area Name	WALKER RIDGE								
Block No.	151								
Blockline Departures (in feet)	N/S Departure: F____ L 1951.57 FNL			N/S Departure: F____ L			N/S Departure: F____ L N/S Departure: F____ L N/S Departure: F____ L		
	E/W Departure: F____ L 5079.21 FEL			E/W Departure: F____ L			E/W Departure: F____ L E/W Departure: F____ L E/W Departure: F____ L		
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Anchor Radius (if applicable) in feet:								TVD (Feet): TVD (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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	Surface Location			Bottom-Hole Location (For Wells)			Completion (For multiple completions, enter separate lines)		
Lease No.	OCS G36926			OCS			OCS OCS		
Area Name	WALKER RIDGE								
Block No.	151								
Blockline Departures (in feet)	N/S Departure: F____ L 1946.57 FNL			N/S Departure: F____ L			N/S Departure: F____ L N/S Departure: F____ L N/S Departure: F____ L		
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Area Name	WALKER RIDGE								
Block No.	151								
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GRID NORTH



WR 107
OCS-G-35724
Houston Energy, L.P.

B1
B
B2

26° 51' 00" N

X=2,296,800'

PROPOSED SURFACE LOCATIONS

Well Designation	Cartesian Coordinates (ft)		Geographic Coordinate (deg., min., sec.)		Block Calls (ft)		Depth
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26° 50' 00" N

Y=9,741,600'

Y=9,740,000'

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C

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D

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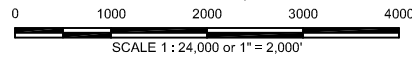
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PROPOSED WELL LOCATION.

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GEODETIC DATUM: NAD 1927
ELLIPSOID: CLARKE 1866
PROJECTION: UTM
ZONE: 15 NORTH
GRID UNITS: US FEET

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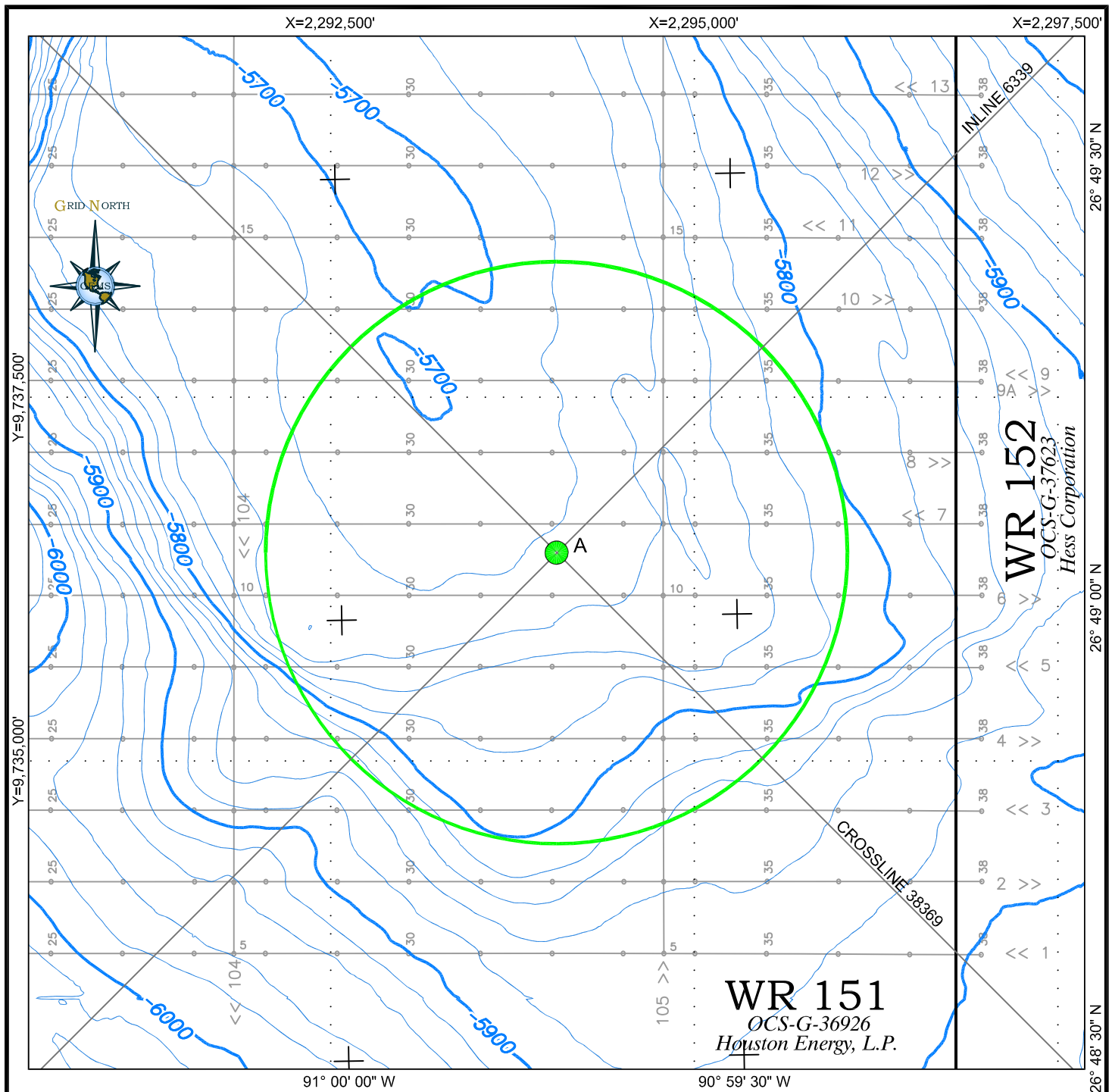
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

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PUBLIC INFORMATION
OCS-G-35724 AND OCS-G-36926
BLOCKS 107 AND 151
WALKER RIDGE AREA
GULF OF MEXICO



SHEET 2 OF 3



- 3-D SURVEY LINE.
- AUV LINE NUMBER, HEADING AND FIXMARK (ECHO, 2021).
-  PROPOSED WELL LOCATION. CIRCLE REPRESENTS 2000 FT RADIUS AROUND PROPOSED WELLSITE.
-  WATER DEPTH CONTOUR IN FEET.

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BATHYMETRY MAP

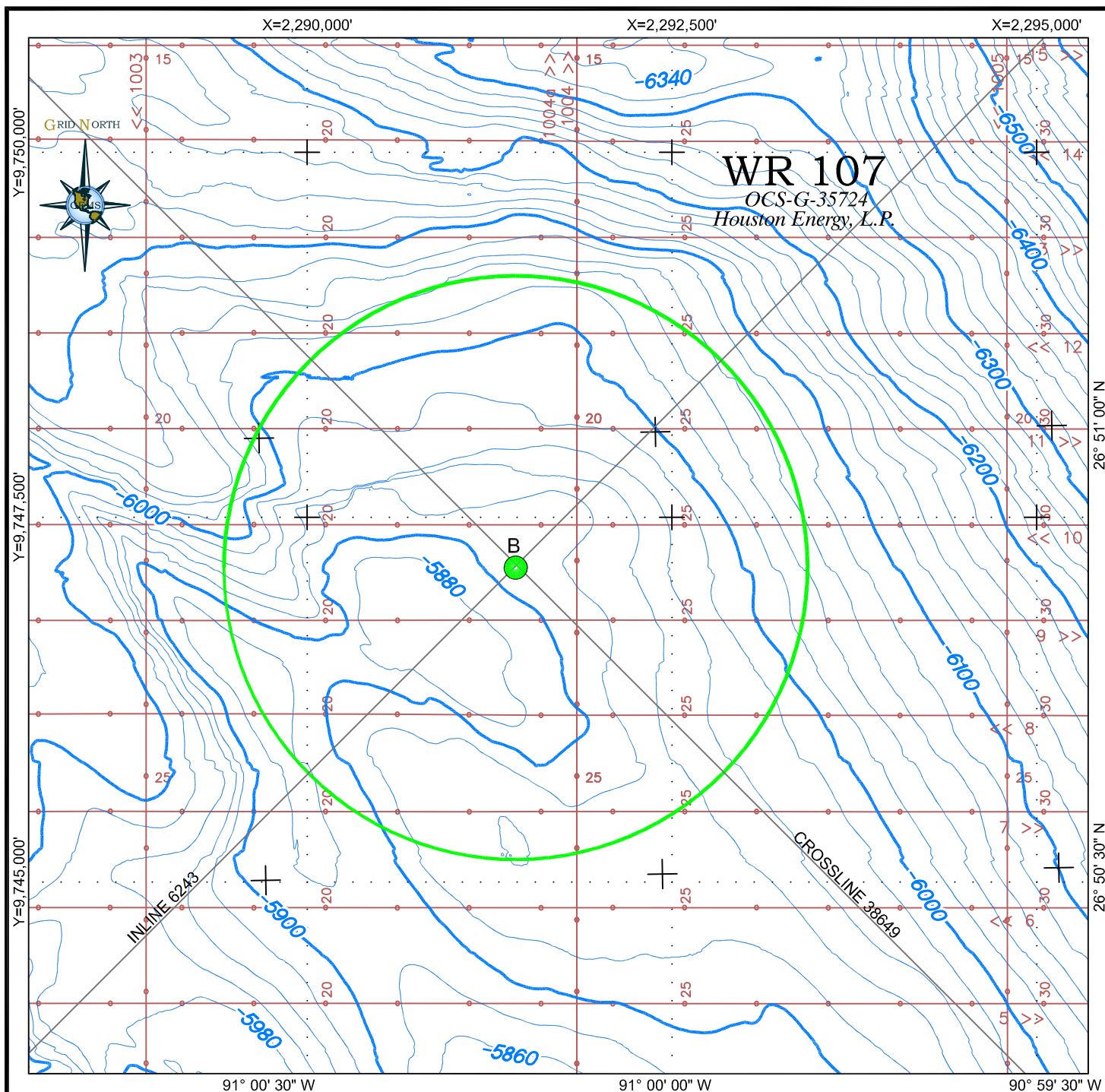
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GULF OF MEXICO





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-  3-D SURVEY LINE.
-  AUV LINE NUMBER, HEADING AND FIXMARK (TESLA, 2016).
-  PROPOSED WELL LOCATION. CIRCLE REPRESENTS 2000 FT RADIUS AROUND PROPOSED WELLSITE.
-  WATER DEPTH CONTOUR IN FEET.

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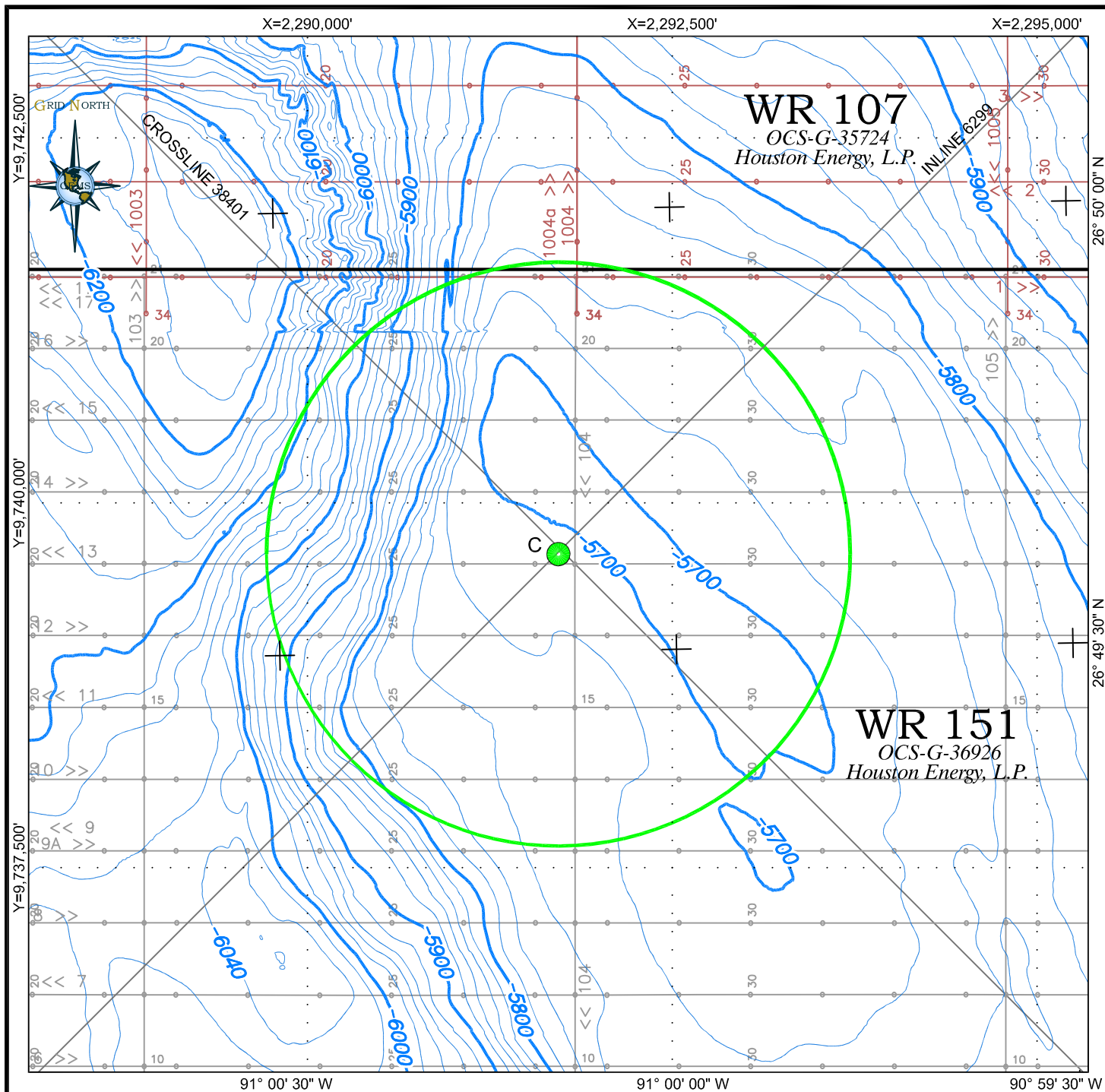
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GULF OF MEXICO



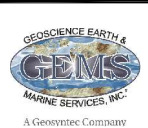
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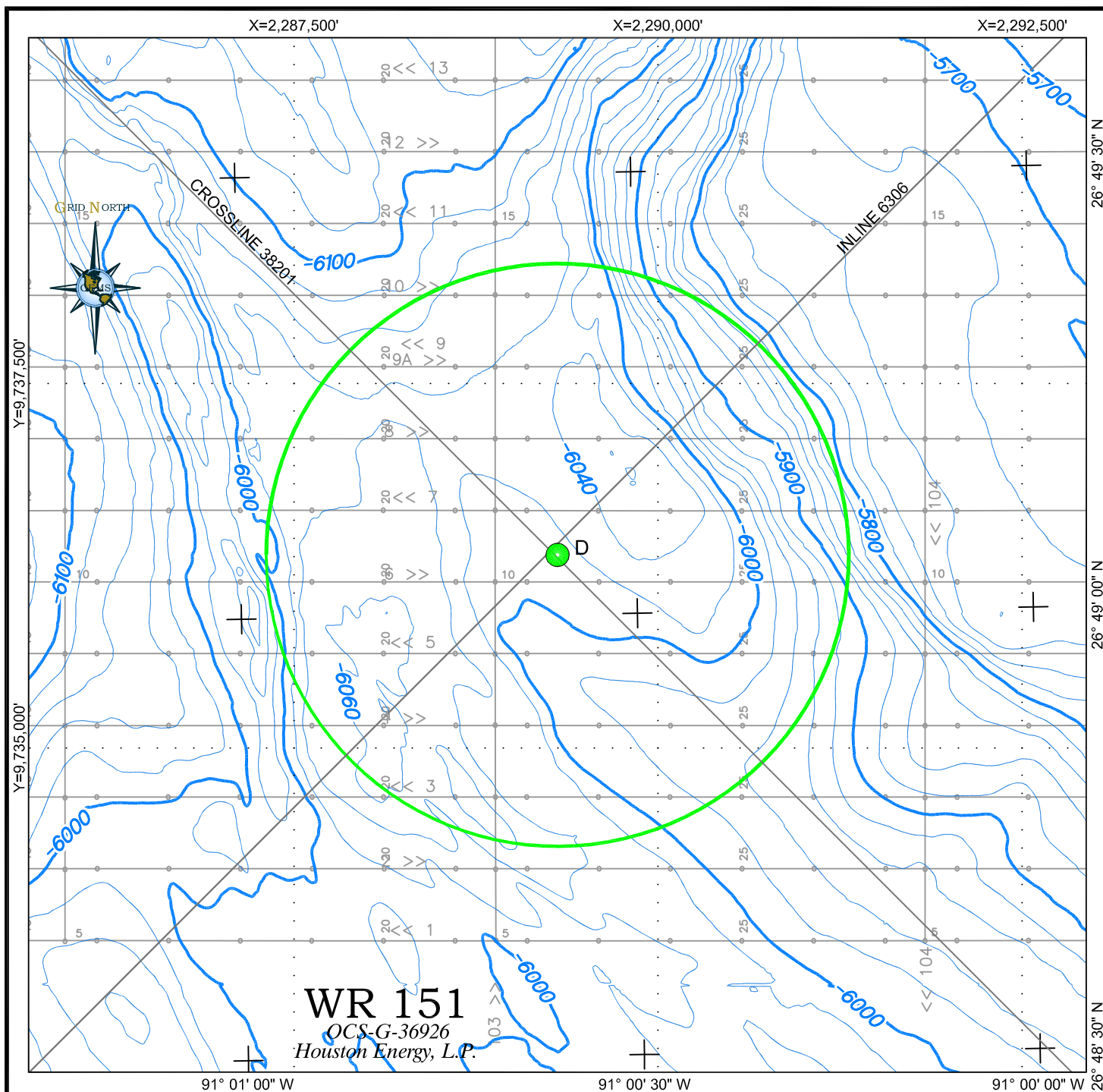
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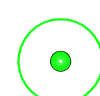

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Wellsite-Specific Bathymetry Map(s)

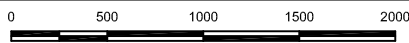


-  3-D SURVEY LINE.
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-  PROPOSED WELL LOCATION.
CIRCLE REPRESENTS
2000 FT RADIUS AROUND
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-  WATER DEPTH CONTOUR IN FEET.




BATHYMETRY MAP

BLOCK 151 WALKER RIDGE AREA GULF OF MEXICO



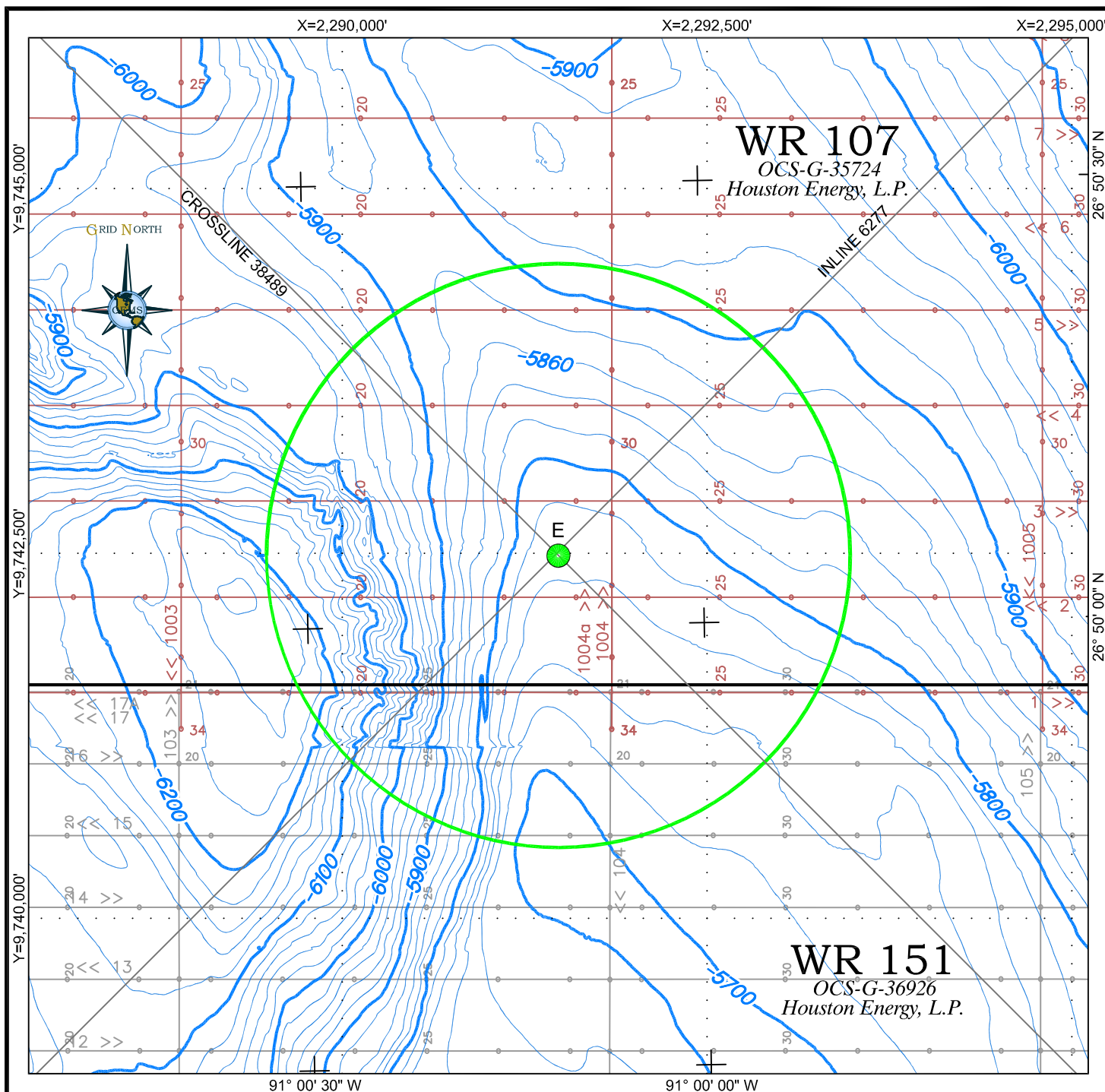
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



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- 3-D SURVEY LINE.
- AUV LINE NUMBER, HEADING AND FIXMARK (ECHO, 2021).
- AUV LINE NUMBER, HEADING AND FIXMARK (TESLA, 2016).
-  PROPOSED WELL LOCATION. CIRCLE REPRESENTS 2000 FT RADIUS AROUND PROPOSED WELLSITE.
-  WATER DEPTH CONTOUR IN FEET.

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BATHYMETRY MAP

BLOCK 107
WALKER RIDGE AREA
GULF OF MEXICO

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FILE NAME: 3221_WELLS.DWG
PROJECT NO.: 1123-3221

MAP NO. WR 107-E-1

**APPENDIX B
GENERAL INFORMATION**

A) APPLICATIONS & PERMITS

Listed in the table below are the applications and/or permits that are required to be filed prior to conducting the activities proposed herein:

Application/Permit	Issuing Agency	Status
Rig Emergency Evacuation Plan	USCG	Pending
Application for Permit to Drill (APD)	BSEE New Orleans	Pending
Coastal Management Certification	LA Office of Coastal Management	Pending

B) DRILLING FLUIDS

In accordance with BOEM guidance, the required drilling fluid information has been incorporated into the Waste & Discharge tables which are included in the attachment(s) to the Waste & Discharge Information appendix.

C) PRODUCTION

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable as this is an Exploration Plan.

D) OIL CHARACTERISTICS

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable as this is an Exploration Plan.

E) NEW OR UNUSUAL TECHNOLOGY

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to the activities proposed herein as no new or unusual technology as defined in 30 CFR 250.200 will be utilized to carry out the proposed activities. Talos will endeavor to use the best available and safest technologies (BAST), as referred to in 30 CFR 250, provided it is proven for the well conditions anticipated and is reasonably available at the time of well operations.

F) BONDING STATEMENT

The bond requirements for the activities and facilities proposed in this plan are satisfied by a \$3,000,000.00 area-wide bond, furnished and maintained according to 30 CFR 556, Subpart I, and NTL No. 2015-N04, "General Financial Assurance." Additional security will be satisfied in accordance with the regulations contained in 30 CFR 556.901(d) and NTL No. 2016-N01, "Requiring Additional Security."

G) OIL SPILL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Talos Petroleum, BOEM company number 01834, has demonstrated oil spill financial responsibility (OSFR) for the activities/facilities proposed herein according to 30 CFR Part 553 and NTL No. 2008-N05, "Guidelines for Oil Spill Financial Responsibility for Covered Facilities."

H) DEEPWATER WELL CONTROL STATEMENT

Talos Petroleum, BOEM company number 01834, has the financial capability to drill a relief well and conduct other emergency well control operations.

I) SUSPENSION OF PRODUCTION

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable as this is an Exploration Plan.

J) BLOWOUT SCENARIO

Provided as an attachment at the end of this section is a Worst Case Discharge (WCD) Blowout Scenario for the activities proposed in this Plan.

NTL 2015-N01 Information Requirements Walker Ridge Block 107/151, OCS-G 36926

Blowout Scenario:

The proposed well has drilled the production hole interval with all potential producible hydrocarbon sands (PPHS) exposed. A blowout occurs. As per NTL 2015-N01, the BOP is not connected to the wellhead and the wellbore is free of drill pipe, logging tools, or other similar equipment resulting in an unrestricted and uncontrolled blowout thru the borehole and wellbore. The blowout scenario assumes the rig has sunk and is displaced from the wellhead. The well is flowing uncontrolled at the mudline. A wellbore schematic with the required data and plats are included in this information package.

Worst Case Discharge: **PROPRIETARY INFORMATION**

Maximum duration of the potential blowout: The maximum duration of an uncontrolled blowout depends on the time it takes for either the well to bridge over, shut-in or contain using subsea intervention or relief well intervention. Each scenario is described in the subsequent paragraphs below. The table below summarizes the maximum duration of a potential blowout for each scenario.

Scenario	Blowout Duration	Oil Discharge*
Well Bridges Over	3 to 5 days	286,692 to 477,820 bbls
Subsea Intervention	6 to 16 days	573,384 to 1,529,024 bbls
Drill Relief Well	103 to 110 days	9,843,092 to 10,512,040 bbls

*Assumes no declining oil production, based on WCD of 95,564 BOPD.

Potential of well to bridge over: Failure 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. Blowout simulations confirm that, due to the typically large, induced drawdown pressures at the sand face, wellbore pressure gradients in an open hole blowout invariably falls below the collapse gradient of the open formations. The high fluid velocities in an unrestricted scenario will likely cause the borehole to collapse and bridge over in a few days, significantly reducing flow rate out of the wellbore.

The Intra-Wellbore Flow across the all the sands in the WR 107/151 well is expected to be abnormally pressured, unconsolidated, and friable, therefore making “bridging” likely in a blowout event. The estimated bottom hole pressure of the sands is approximately 19,000 to 25,000 psi. The wellbore is planned to be at 5° inclination through the objective sand interval. The primary recovery energy source in the objective reservoir is water drive and requires sand control to prevent the reservoir from “sanding up”.

Subsea Control and Containment: Talos Energy Offshore LLC (Talos), as a member of HWCG Holdings LLC (HWCG), will have access to a fully integrated subsea well control and containment system that can be rapidly deployed. The equipment is designed, constructed, tested, and maintained in a state of continuous readiness for rapid response.

In the event of a blowout Talos would immediately mobilize HWCG's vessels and equipment to shut-in and contain the well or flow and capture the fluids. Equipment and services required for the response beyond those provided through HWCG will be contracted directly by Talos as specified in the current and approved Regional Containment Demonstration (RCD). Talos has Master Service Contracts with equipment and service companies to respond to a blowout as described in the RCD.

Additionally, and as a member of HWCG, Talos will draw on HWCG's Mutual Aid of human resources available with the HWCG membership to support a response to a deepwater blowout. Access to this resource is provided by the Mutual Aid Agreement between the HWCG members.

HWCG response equipment resources include capping stack, "top hat", transfer hoses, tanker, IRS, ROV to remotely close the blind shear rams, vessels to begin subsea dispersant operations, and vessels to initiate debris removal / salvage operations. The Helix Q-4000 or equivalent vessel would also be immediately mobilized to assist in the response.

In the event the blind shear rams cannot be remotely closed with the ROV, the LMRP will be removed from the BOP. The HWCG 13-5/8" 15K capping stack will be deployed by the Q-4000 or other suitable vessel and installed on the BOP. The blind rams in the capping stack would then be closed to contain the well.

A top kill operation would then be initiated to kill and control the well. The proposed well design will be able to withstand the anticipated shut-in pressure at the BOP, as well as additional pressure exerted on the casing during the top kill operation. In addition, Talos would employ the expertise of Wild Well Control, Inc. to assist with all intervention options.

The estimated duration for subsea intervention requiring the deployment of the capping stack is 6 to 8 days. This case assumes the HWCG vessels and equipment will be utilized to shut-in and contain the well. In the event it is necessary to "flow and capture" the fluids, an additional 7 to 8 days is estimated. Therefore, subsea intervention time would take 6 to 16 days. Talos is a member of Clean Gulf Associates, MSRC and HWCG.

Talos has Master Service Contracts in place with Cudd Pressure Control, Superior Energy (Wild Well Control) and Halliburton (Boots & Coots), which are diversified well control

services companies offering full general contracting services with strong engineering component resources.

Relief well: In the event of an uncontrolled blowout, relief well planning, and rig availability inquiries would commence immediately. The SHL of the WR 107 Well B is in ~5900' WD and is free of pipelines and other obstructions. The seafloor is free of any obstructions within 2000 ft of the proposed well center. There are currently 14 rigs in the USGOM which are "active" and capable of drilling a relief well with an open water location in ~6000' water depth in WR 107/151. Talos has alliances with diversified engineering consulting firms which would provide Talos relief well operations, engineering, logistical, materials management, QA/QC and well-site supervision support. Mutual Aid Agreement is in place with several USGOM operators to secure a drill ship and/or dynamically positioned semi-submersible drilling rig to drill the relief well.

There are no known rig package constraints for a relief well. All 4th, 5th and 6th generation rigs in the USGOM would be suitable to drill a relief well. Therefore, the rig choice would be first available, quickest to mobilize and move into position offsetting the blow out well. A relief well would be drilled from an open water location about 1500' from the blowout well. The final rig location will be influenced by operator, contractor, BSEE and depth of intersect to ensure safety of all personnel and equipment involved in the relief well effort. Potential relief well locations clear of shallow hazards have been identified for each of the well from the shallow hazard study.

There are no suitable platforms in the area which would provide an advantage for drilling the relief well. A relief well could not be drilled from an onshore location.

The estimated time to drill a relief is summarized in the table below:

Description	Planned Days	Cumulative Days
Site Assessment	3	3
Contract/ Mobilize Rig to Location	20	23
Jet 36"	1	24
Drill & Set 28" conductor	2	26
Drill & Set 22" casing	5	31
Certify BOPE/ Run & Test BOP Stack	12	43
Drill & Set 18" liner	12	55
Drill & Set 16" liner	10	65
Drill & Set 14" casing	14	79
Drill & Set 11-7/8" liner	10	89
Drill and intercept well	8	97
R/U pumping equipment and kill well	6	103

Proposed measures to enhance the ability to prevent a blowout and reduce the likelihood of a blowout:

Preventing a blowout starts with preventing a well control incident or “kick”. In order to prevent a “kick”, a thorough understanding of the geology, reservoir characteristics and field/area production history is needed. Key offset wells are identified, and drilling records of these wells are studied in great detail and used in well planning. Specifically, this information is used for lithology correlation, abnormal pressure formation prediction, mud weight schedule, casing design, and other potential geological risk identification such as depleted or weak zones, ballooning formations, sloughing shale, gumbo and hole instability. This research reduces the risk of a well control incident.

Hydrostatic control of the well will be maintained by utilizing a drilling fluid (mud) which exerts sufficient hydrostatic pressure to prevent the unintended flow of wellbore fluids or “kick” during drilling operations. All Drilling Fluid Requirements per 30 CFR 250 Subpart D 250.455 thru 250.458 will be implemented while drilling the well.

The WR 107 Well “B” will be drilled using mud weights as per the well plan’s mud weight schedule. Mud weight adjustments will be made based on observed drilling parameters including rate of penetration, cuttings quantity and appearance, chloride contamination and gas monitoring. In the event drilling parameters indicate a potential for a “kick”, the drilling operations will cease, and a flow check will be performed. Penetration rate will be controlled while drilling thru any hydrocarbon sand. Two mud engineers will work 12 hr shifts providing 24 hr mud engineering support during drilling operations. Two “shaker” men working 12 hr shifts continuously monitor mud weight and returns at the shakers. Electronic PVT equipment will be utilized throughout all drilling operations.

Mud properties including viscosity and gel strengths will be adequately maintained to reduce the possibility of swab and surge during tripping operations. Displacement volumes will be monitored and recorded during all tripping operations. A heavy slug will be pumped when possible before trips so that the pipe can be pulled dry, and the hole more accurately monitored. As a minimum, a volume equal to the annular volume will be circulated before pulling out of the hole. Pipe trip speeds will also be adjusted as such not to cause swab or surge pressures.

Adequate mud and chemicals will be kept on board the rig to ensure well control at all times. Sea water or synthetic base oil will be available and ready to be pumped down hole if a high volume of loss circulation zone is encountered. This will enable immediate stabilization of the well until additional mud can be mixed. If lost circulation occurs and well conditions allow, pipe may be pulled up into the casing shoe.

Short trips and wiper trips will be performed as the hole conditions dictate or periodically during prolonged drilling intervals to monitor and assess any change in hole conditions. These trips also help reduce the risk of swab and surge related problems.

Gas-detecting equipment will monitor all drilling fluid returns. Mudlogging services will commence upon the BOP and riser installation and will be used to monitor wellbore conditions. Mudlogging service will include monitoring mud weights (in and out), drill gas, background gas, connection gas, trip gas, bottoms up gas and lithology description. This information will be used to assess any relative changes in hole conditions and aid in making mud weight adjustments.

LWD (GR/Res)/MWD services will be utilized to provide real-time directional surveying well, formation evaluation, reservoir fluid type, and formation pressures including abnormal pressure detection. LWD will enable the drilling team with real-time identification of unexpected and potential drilling hazards.

All efforts will be made to avoid a loss returns event. This includes but not limited to identification of depleted zones and faults, high quality casing seats, controlled penetration rates, controlling trip in hole speeds, staging up pumps, cement placement models, controlling casing surge pressures and solids control.

Cement programs will be designed to prevent gas influx during cement setting. All casing strings will be centralized across hydrocarbon bearing zones. Prior to cementing casing, the annulus will be circulated clean as long as mud returns are maintained. After cementing casing, the annulus will be monitored while the cement sets.

Diverter and BOP System Requirements as per 30 CFR 250 Subpart D 250.430 thru 250.451 will be in effect while drilling the well. BOP equipment will be installed and tested while conducting operations below surface casing. All BOPE will be tested every 14 or 21 days, as approved by BSEE. Annular and ram BOP's will be function tested every 7 days between pressure tests. BOP's will include at least two set of blind/shear rams capable of shearing the drill pipe under MASP conditions.

A minimum of two (2) offshore supervisors will be on the rig at all times to ensure 24-hour supervision of all drilling activities on the well location. These onsite supervisors will witness and review all BOP tests, casing tests and formation integrity tests. Formation integrity tests must be approved by the Talos drilling superintendent, manager or project drilling engineer prior to drilling ahead.

Talos conducts rig safety and well control system audits on every rig contracted. Each rig crew practices well control drills daily. These well control drills include pit drill, kick drill and trip drill. Each drill will emphasize "kick" recognition, confirmation, shut-in procedures and personnel assignments.

Additional measures to enhance Talos ability to prevent and reduce the likelihood of a blowout are:

Management and Direct Supervision Processes:

- Act in accordance with the latest version 2016 WCR
- Drilling Supervisors, Completion Supervisors, MODU OIM's, Drillers, and Tool Pushers, (including all personnel that may be acting in these capacities) must hold a valid well control certificate from an accredited IWCF or WellCAP organization.
- Compliance with all federal rules and regulations: CFRs, NTLs, and Final Rules
- Pursuant to wellbore cementing and zonal isolation techniques, all cementing operations will be modeled and designed under the guidelines set forth in API RP 65 Part I & II.
- RP 53 for Blowout Prevention Equipment Systems for Drilling Wells and RP 16Q for Marine Drilling Risers will be used for installation, testing and maintenance of the surface and subsea marine risers and BOP systems.
- Utilization of Talos management systems: SEMS and MOC.
- Adherence to Contractors Safety Management Systems.
- Ensure proper physical barriers are in place to prevent uncontrolled flow.
- Professionally certified and peer reviewed well design (casing and cementing).
- Contractor engagement meeting to gain alignment on well plan.
- Specific procedures to execute well plan.

Well and rig equipment:

- Compliance in accordance with the latest version 2016 WCR.
- All rigs will meet all applicable rules and regulations per 30 CFR 250 and 550, as well as all Notice to Leases.
- Certified BOP equipment that is fit for purpose.
- Utilize rig and equipment that is fit for purpose.
- The working pressure and temperature rating of the BOPE and wellhead will exceed the maximum anticipated pressure and temperature.

- Accumulator controls will always be left in the power position (i.e., opened/closed; not neutral).
- Rams installed & tested to fit all sizes of drill pipe, casing, and tubing in use.
- A pressure tested fully opening safety valve (FOSV) and opening/closing wrench with appropriate threads or crossover subs for all connections will be available on the rig floor at all times.
- A drill string float valve (ported acceptable) will be installed in all drilling bottom hole assemblies (BHA's). Similar valves will be considered for well intervention and completion operations when reverse circulating is not required.
- MWD/LWD/PWD tools will be used accordingly to obtain real-time data on subsurface zones.
- Circulating trip tanks are required for all drilling operations.
- PVT and gas detection equipment will be employed for all hole sections.

Drilling Practices:

- Volume measurements relative to the well will be monitored at all times.
- All critical pressure test charts (i.e., negative tests, casing tests, FIT/LOT) will be reviewed by Drilling Engineer/Drilling Supervisor prior to continuing with operations.
- During drilling operations, slow circulating rates (SCR) will be taken and recorded for each mud pump at least after BHA or mud weight changes and 500 feet of formation drilled, after the installation of BOP and riser.
- Flow checks shall be conducted after drilling breaks, prior to tripping, after or during lost circulation events, pumping out, prior to unlatching BOP's, and any other time when anomalous pit volume readings are observed. Minimum flow check duration shall be 5 minutes.
- Drilling BOP space-out and tool joint space-out diagrams shall be posted on the rig floor at all times.
- Kill sheets will be updated during each tour and posted on the rig floor.
- PVT and gas detection equipment will be employed for all hole sections.

Effective and early blowout intervention:

In the event of a blowout, the Talos OSRP will be activated. The first priority will be to quickly organize a focused team of operational and technical professionals including a blowout specialty company (BSC). The BSC will be immediately mobilized to the blowout site. The BSC will analyze the blowout situation and devise an intervention

strategy. Site assessment will be used to assist in determining the relief well location options so that planning can be initiated. A suitable rig for a relief well will be sourced and preparations made for the suspension of current activities in order to mobilize to relief well site.

TABLE 1. WASTES YOU WILL GENERATE, TREAT AND DOWNHOLE DISPOSE OR DISCHARGE TO THE GOM - WR107/151

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

Projected generated waste			Projected ocean discharges		Projected Downhole Disposal
Type of Waste	Composition	Projected Amount	Discharge rate	Discharge Method	Answer yes or no
Will drilling occur ? If yes, you should list muds and cuttings			Yes		
Water-based drilling fluid	Water based drilling fluids used while drilling riserless	90000 bbls/well	9000 bbls/day/well	discharge at seafloor during riserless operations	No
Cuttings wetted with water-based fluid	Cuttings generated while using water based drilling fluids in riserless operations	4800 bbls/well	480 bbls/day/well	discharge at seafloor during riserless operations	No
Cuttings wetted with synthetic-based fluid	Cuttings generated while using synthetic based drilling fluid	9570 bbls/well	110 bbls/day/well	dried & discharge overboard	No
Will humans be there? If yes, expect conventional waste					
Domestic waste	grey water from living quarters	23280 bbls/well	240 bbls/day/well	USCG approved MSD with chlorination and discharge overboard	No
Sanitary waste	treated sanitary waste from living quarters	18624 bbls/well	192 bbls/day/well	USCG approved MSD with chlorination and discharge overboard	No
Is there a deck? If yes, there will be Deck Drainage					
Deck Drainage	washwater, rain water and deck drainage	3781 bbls/well	288 bbls/hr/well	discharge overboard	No
Will you conduct well treatment, completion, or workover?					
Well treatment fluids	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Well completion fluids	Calcium Bromide & Glycol	14,000 bbls	N/A	Completion fluid is recycled from well to well and is not discharged	No
Workover fluids	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Miscellaneous discharges. If yes, only fill in those associated with your activity.					
Desalinization unit discharge	desalinization unit water	9700 bbls/well	100 bbls/day/well	discharge overboard	N/A
Blowout prevent fluid	Water-based hydraulic control fluid	194 bbls/well	2 bbls/day/well	discharged from vent ports on BOP stack	NA
Uncontaminated Ballast water	Uncontaminated seawater	388000 bbls/well	4000 bbls/day/well	per MARPOL regulations	NA
Rig Wash Water	Fresh Water & Soap	4850 bbls/well	50 bbls/day/well	discharge overboard	NA
Uncontaminated Bilge water	Uncontaminated bilge water	1940 bbls/well	20 bbls/day/well	discharge overboard	NA
Excess cement at seafloor	Water, CaCl Class H cement & rheological modifiers	2000 bbls/well	1000 bbls/day for 2 days/well (only when the 28" & 22" casing are run)	discharge at seafloor	NA
Cement Spacer	Water base fluid, viscosifier, barite & gel	200 bbls/well	100 bbls/day for 2 days/well (only when the 28" & 22" casing are run)	discharge at seafloor	NA
Fire water	Seawater	NA	NA	discharge overboard	NA
Uncontaminated Cooling water	Seawater	NA	NA	discharge overboard	NA
Will you produce hydrocarbons? If yes fill in for produced water.					
Produced water (During Well Test)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Will you be covered by an individual or general NPDES permit ?			General 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, WR107/151

Please specify whether the amount reported is a total or per well

Projected generated waste		Solid and Liquid Wastes transportation	Waste Disposal		
Type of Waste	Composition	Transport Method	Name/Location of Facility	Amount	Disposal Method
Will drilling occur ? If yes, fill in the muds and cuttings.					
Oil-based drilling fluid or mud	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Synthetic-based drilling fluid or mud	Used SBM consisting of base oil (isomerized alpha olefin), barite, CaCl ₂ , Acrylate Copolymer, Limestone, Lime, and invert emulsifiers and wetting agent, assuming surface volume only	Below deck storage tanks on offshore support vessels	Mud Supplier Facility, Fourchon, LA	10000 bbls/well	Returned to Mud Supplier Facility in Fourchon and reconditioned for future use
Synthetic-based drilling fluid or mud	Contaminated used synthetic-based drilling fluid	Below deck storage tanks on offshore support vessels	ECOSERV/Fourchon	Varies	Recycle / Injection well
Cuttings wetted with Water-based fluid	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cuttings wetted with Synthetic-based fluid	Formation cuttings, SBM Base oil (isomerized alpha olefin), barite, CaCl ₂ , Acrylate Copolymer, LCM, Limestone, Lime, and invert emulsifiers and wetting agent contaminated with formation oil	Cuttings boxes on supply vessels	ECOSERV/Fourchon	10000 bbls/well	Recycle / Injection well
Cuttings wetted with oil-based fluids	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Displacement Pills & Interface	Base oil, barite, water wetting agents, surfactants & viscosifiers	Hull Storage tanks or DOT tanks on supply vessels	R360 Environmental Solutions/Fourchon	1000 bbls/well	Injection well or recycled
Excess Water Base Mud	Freshwater, CaCl ₂ , NaCl, Barite, Bentonite, Lime, XCD Polymer	Below deck storage tanks on offshore support vessels	Mud Supplier Facility, Fourchon, LA	30000 bbls/well	Returned to Mud Supplier Facility in Fourchon and reconditioned for future use
Will you produce hydrocarbons? If yes fill in for produced sand.					
Produced sand	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Will you have additional wastes that are not permitted for discharge? If yes, fill in the appropriate rows.					
Trash and debris	Domestic trash, plastic, paper, aluminum	40 cu ft super sacks transported by boat	Progresso Galliano Waste	800 lbs/week/well	Landfill or recycled and disposed per classification
Contaminated pills & interface	Base oil, barite, water wetting agents, surfactants & viscosifiers, contaminated mud and brine with formation oil	Transport to shore by boat in drums or DOT tanks for disposal at an approved disposal facility	R360 Environmental Solutions/Fourchon	1000 bbls/well	Recycle or Injection well
Used oil	Oil	550 gal tote tank transported by boat	Martin Energy/Fourchon	20 bbls/mo/well	Recycle
Wash water from mud tanks	Water, surfactants & solids from mud system if zero discharge	Hull Storage tanks or DOT tanks on supply vessels	R360 Environmental Solutions/Fourchon	1500 bbls/mo/well	Recycle or Injection well
Chemical Product Wastes	Paint & thinner waste	Drums or tote tanks on supply vessels	EDI Environmental Services/ Lafayette LA	10 bbls/mo/well	Recycle
Drums of oily rags & filters	Oily rags and filters impregnated with oil & grease	DOT drums transported by boat	Martin Energy/Fourchon	5 drums/mo/well	Recycle
NOTE: If you will not have a type of waste, enter NA in the row.					

**APPENDIX C
GEOLOGICAL & GEOPHYSICAL INFORMATION**

A) GEOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION

PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

B) STRUCTURE CONTOUR MAPS

PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

C) INTERPRETED 2D/3D SEISMIC CROSS SECTIONS

PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

D) GEOLOGICAL STRUCTURE CROSS SECTIONS

PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

E) SHALLOW HAZARDS REPORT

The geohazard report "Shallow Hazard Assessment, Block 107 (OCS-G-35724) and North Half of Block 151 (OCSG- 36926) Walker Ridge Area, Gulf of Mexico" was prepared by GEMS in December 2023. One electronic copy of the Shallow Hazard Report is being submitted under separate cover.

F) SHALLOW HAZARDS ASSESSMENT

A Shallow Hazards Assessment for the proposed well(s) is included in the attachments to this appendix.

G) HIGH RESOLUTION SEISMIC LINES

PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

H) STRATIGRAPHIC COLUMN

PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

I) TIME VS DEPTH TABLES

PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

J) GEOCHEMICAL INFORMATION

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to the activities proposed herein as the subject area is within the boundaries of the Gulf of Mexico.

K) FUTURE G&G ACTIVITIES

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to the activities proposed herein as the subject area is within the boundaries of the Gulf of Mexico.

APPENDIX D
HYDROGEN SULFIDE INFORMATION

A) CONCENTRATION

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to this plan as Talos Petroleum does not anticipate encountering any H₂S during the operations proposed herein.

B) CLASSIFICATION

In accordance with 30 CFR 250.490(c), Talos Petroleum is requesting the subject area and block, and lease(s), respectively be classified by the DOI as an area absent of H₂S. This is based upon information from the well(s) listed in the table below.

PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

C) H₂S CONTINGENCY PLAN

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to this plan as Talos Petroleum does not anticipate encountering H₂S during the activities proposed herein.

D) MODELING REPORT

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to this plan as Talos Petroleum does not anticipate encountering H₂S during the activities proposed herein.

APPENDIX E
MINERAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION INFORMATION

A) TECHNOLOGY & RESERVOIR ENGINEERING PRACTICES & PROCEDURES

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to the activities proposed herein as this is an Exploration Plan.

B) TECHNOLOGY & RECOVERY PRACTICES & PROCEDURES

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to the activities proposed herein as this is an Exploration Plan.

C) RESERVOIR DEVELOPMENT

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to the activities proposed herein as this is an Exploration Plan.

APPENDIX F
BIOLOGICAL, PHYSICAL, & SOCIOECONOMIC INFORMATION

A) CHEMOSYNTHETIC COMMUNITIES REPORT

The activities proposed herein could disturb seafloor areas in water depths of 984 feet or greater. Therefore, in accordance with NTL 2008-G04 and NTL 2009-G40, attached to this appendix is the chemosynthetic information for Deepwater Benthic Communities.

B) TOPOGRAPHIC FEATURES MAP

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to the activities proposed herein as no rig, barge or anchors, etc. will be placed within 1,000 feet of the "No Activity Zone" of an identified topographic feature.

C) TOPOGRAPHIC FEATURES STATEMENT (SHUNTING)

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to the activities proposed herein as Talos Petroleum is not proposing to drill more than two wells from the same surface location.

D) LIVE BOTTOM (PINNACLE TREND) MAP

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to the activities proposed herein as the Live Bottom (Pinnacle Trend) lease stipulation is not attached to the subject lease(s).

E) LIVE BOTTOM (LOW RELIEF) MAP

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to the activities proposed herein as the Live Bottom (Low Relief) lease stipulation is not attached to the subject lease(s).

F) POTENTIALLY SENSITIVE BIOLOGICAL FEATURES

In accordance with NTL 2009-G39, this information is not applicable to the activities proposed herein as the bottom-disturbing activities are not within 100 feet of potentially sensitive biological features.

G) REMOTELY OPERATED VEHICLE (ROV) SURVEYS

This is not applicable as NTL No. 2008-G06 has expired.

H) THREATENED & ENDANGERED SPECIES, CRITICAL HABITAT, & MARINE MAMMAL INFORMATION

Endangered marine mammal species as listed under the Endangered Species Act that might occur in the Gulf of Mexico are the Gulf of Mexico Bryde's Whale (*Balaenoptera edeni*), Oceanic Whitetip Shark (*Carcharhinus longimanus*), Giant Manta Ray (*Manta birostris*), West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), northern right whale (*Eubalaena glacialis*), fin whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*), humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), sei whale (*Balaenoptera borealis*), sperm whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*), and blue whale (*Balaenoptera musculus*). Endangered or threatened sea turtle species that might occur in the Gulf of Mexico are Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricate*), leatherback (*Demochelys coriacea*), and loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) (USDOI, OCS EIS/EA MMS 2007-2012). The only listed threatened fish species in the Gulf of Mexico is the Gulf sturgeon (*Ancipenser oxyrinchus desotoi*). The subject area(s) and block(s) is not designated as a critical habitat for any of these species. Talos Petroleum does not anticipate that any threatened or endangered species will be adversely affected as a result of the activities proposed herein. However, in the unlikely event of an accident, adverse impacts to endangered marine mammal species are possible.

Talos Petroleum will adhere to the requirements as set forth in the following Notices to Lessees and guidelines, as applicable, to avoid or minimize impacts to any of the species listed in the ESA as a result of the operations conducted herein:

- NTL 2015-G03 "Marine Trash and Debris Awareness and Elimination"
- BOEM NTL 2016-G01 "Vessel Strike Avoidance and Injured/ Dead Protected Species Reporting
- BOEM NTL 2016-G02 "Implementation of Seismic Survey Mitigation Measures and Protected Species Observer Program"
- Biological Opinion 2020:
- Appendix A: Seismic Survey Mitigation and Protected Species Observer Protocols, found in the Biological Opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service on March 13, 2020
- Appendix B: Gulf of Mexico Marine Trash and Debris Awareness and Elimination Survey Protocols, found in the Biological Opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service on March 13, 2020
- Appendix C: Gulf of Mexico Vessel Strike Avoidance and Injured/Dead Aquatic Protected Species Reporting Protocols, found in the Biological Opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service on March 13, 2020
- Appendix J: Sea Turtle Handling and Resuscitation Guidelines, found in the Biological Opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service on March 13, 2020

I) ARCHAEOLOGICAL REPORT

An "AUV Archaeological Investigation", was conducted over Block 107 (OCS-G-35724) and North Half of Block 151 (OCSG- 36926) Walker Ridge Area, Gulf of Mexico by Echo Offshore & Tesla Offshore. One electronic copy of the Archaeological Investigation is being submitted under separate cover.

J) AIR & WATER QUALITY INFORMATION

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to the activities proposed herein as the State of Florida is not an affected State.

K) SOCIOECONOMIC INFORMATION

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to the activities proposed herein as the State of Florida is not an affected State.

**APPENDIX G
WASTES AND DISCHARGES INFORMATION**

A) PROJECTED GENERATED WASTES

In accordance with 30 CFR 250.217 and 30 CFR 250.248, information must be provided on all projected solid and liquid wastes likely to be generated by an operator's proposed activities including operational wastes permitted by the appropriate NPDES permit and any other identified wastes. Attached to this appendix is a table entitled "Wastes you will transport and/or dispose of onshore" which satisfies the requirements set forth by NTL 2008-G04 and the aforementioned CFRs.

B) PROJECTED OCEAN DISCHARGES

In accordance with 30 CFR 250.217 and 30 CFR 250.248, information must be provided on all projected solid and liquid wastes likely to be generated by an operator's proposed activities including operational wastes permitted by the appropriate NPDES permit and any other identified wastes. Attached to this appendix is a table entitled "Wastes you will generate, treat and downhole dispose or discharge to the GOM" which satisfies the requirements set forth by NTL 2008-G04 and the aforementioned CFRs.

C) MODELING REPORT

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to the activities proposed herein as the subject activities do not require an individual NPDES permit. Therefore, a modeling report is not mandated.

D) NPDES PERMITS

The subject rig and/or facility will be covered under Talos Petroleum's General Permit upon commencement of the activities proposed herein.

E) COOLING WATER INTAKES

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to the activities proposed herein as the associated leases are within the Gulf of Mexico Region.

TABLE 1. WASTES YOU WILL GENERATE, TREAT AND DOWNHOLE DISPOSE OR DISCHARGE TO THE GOM - WR107/151

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

Projected generated waste			Projected ocean discharges		Projected Downhole Disposal
Type of Waste	Composition	Projected Amount	Discharge rate	Discharge Method	Answer yes or no
Will drilling occur ? If yes, you should list muds and cuttings			Yes		
Water-based drilling fluid	Water based drilling fluids used while drilling riserless	90000 bbls/well	9000 bbls/day/well	discharge at seafloor during riserless operations	No
Cuttings wetted with water-based fluid	Cuttings generated while using water based drilling fluids in riserless operations	4800 bbls/well	480 bbls/day/well	discharge at seafloor during riserless operations	No
Cuttings wetted with synthetic-based fluid	Cuttings generated while using synthetic based drilling fluid	9570 bbls/well	110 bbls/day/well	dried & discharge overboard	No
Will humans be there? If yes, expect conventional waste					
Domestic waste	grey water from living quarters	23280 bbls/well	240 bbls/day/well	USCG approved MSD with chlorination and discharge overboard	No
Sanitary waste	treated sanitary waste from living quarters	18624 bbls/well	192 bbls/day/well	USCG approved MSD with chlorination and discharge overboard	No
Is there a deck? If yes, there will be Deck Drainage					
Deck Drainage	washwater, rain water and deck drainage	3781 bbls/well	288 bbls/hr/well	discharge overboard	No
Will you conduct well treatment, completion, or workover?					
Well treatment fluids	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Well completion fluids	Calcium Bromide & Glycol	14,000 bbls	N/A	Completion fluid is recycled from well to well and is not discharged	No
Workover fluids	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Miscellaneous discharges. If yes, only fill in those associated with your activity.					
Desalinization unit discharge	desalinization unit water	9700 bbls/well	100 bbls/day/well	discharge overboard	N/A
Blowout prevent fluid	Water-based hydraulic control fluid	194 bbls/well	2 bbls/day/well	discharged from vent ports on BOP stack	NA
Uncontaminated Ballast water	Uncontaminated seawater	388000 bbls/well	4000 bbls/day/well	per MARPOL regulations	NA
Rig Wash Water	Fresh Water & Soap	4850 bbls/well	50 bbls/day/well	discharge overboard	NA
Uncontaminated Bilge water	Uncontaminated bilge water	1940 bbls/well	20 bbls/day/well	discharge overboard	NA
Excess cement at seafloor	Water, CaCl Class H cement & rheological modifiers	2000 bbls/well	1000 bbls/day for 2 days/well (only when the 28" & 22" casing are run)	discharge at seafloor	NA
Cement Spacer	Water base fluid, viscosifier, barite & gel	200 bbls/well	100 bbls/day for 2 days/well (only when the 28" & 22" casing are run)	discharge at seafloor	NA
Fire water	Seawater	NA	NA	discharge overboard	NA
Uncontaminated Cooling water	Seawater	NA	NA	discharge overboard	NA
Will you produce hydrocarbons? If yes fill in for produced water.					
Produced water (During Well Test)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Will you be covered by an individual or general NPDES permit ?			General 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, WR107/151

Please specify whether the amount reported is a total or per well

Projected generated waste		Solid and Liquid Wastes transportation	Waste Disposal		
Type of Waste	Composition	Transport Method	Name/Location of Facility	Amount	Disposal Method
Will drilling occur ? If yes, fill in the muds and cuttings.					
Oil-based drilling fluid or mud	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Synthetic-based drilling fluid or mud	Used SBM consisting of base oil (isomerized alpha olefin), barite, CaCl ₂ , Acrylate Copolymer, Limestone, Lime, and invert emulsifiers and wetting agent, assuming surface volume only	Below deck storage tanks on offshore support vessels	Mud Supplier Facility, Fourchon, LA	10000 bbls/well	Returned to Mud Supplier Facility in Fourchon and reconditioned for future use
Synthetic-based drilling fluid or mud	Contaminated used synthetic-based drilling fluid	Below deck storage tanks on offshore support vessels	ECOSERV/Fourchon	Varies	Recycle / Injection well
Cuttings wetted with Water-based fluid	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cuttings wetted with Synthetic-based fluid	Formation cuttings, SBM Base oil (isomerized alpha olefin), barite, CaCl ₂ , Acrylate Copolymer, LCM, Limestone, Lime, and invert emulsifiers and wetting agent contaminated with formation oil	Cuttings boxes on supply vessels	ECOSERV/Fourchon	10000 bbls/well	Recycle / Injection well
Cuttings wetted with oil-based fluids	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Displacement Pills & Interface	Base oil, barite, water wetting agents, surfactants & viscosifiers	Hull Storage tanks or DOT tanks on supply vessels	R360 Environmental Solutions/Fourchon	1000 bbls/well	Injection well or recycled
Excess Water Base Mud	Freshwater, CaCl ₂ , NaCl, Barite, Bentonite, Lime, XCD Polymer	Below deck storage tanks on offshore support vessels	Mud Supplier Facility, Fourchon, LA	30000 bbls/well	Returned to Mud Supplier Facility in Fourchon and reconditioned for future use
Will you produce hydrocarbons? If yes fill in for produced sand.					
Produced sand	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Will you have additional wastes that are not permitted for discharge? If yes, fill in the appropriate rows.					
Trash and debris	Domestic trash, plastic, paper, aluminum	40 cu ft super sacks transported by boat	Progresso Galliano Waste	800 lbs/week/well	Landfill or recycled and disposed per classification
Contaminated pills & interface	Base oil, barite, water wetting agents, surfactants & viscosifiers, contaminated mud and brine with formation oil	Transport to shore by boat in drums or DOT tanks for disposal at an approved disposal facility	R360 Environmental Solutions/Fourchon	1000 bbls/well	Recycle or Injection well
Used oil	Oil	550 gal tote tank transported by boat	Martin Energy/Fourchon	20 bbls/mo/well	Recycle
Wash water from mud tanks	Water, surfactants & solids from mud system if zero discharge	Hull Storage tanks or DOT tanks on supply vessels	R360 Environmental Solutions/Fourchon	1500 bbls/mo/well	Recycle or Injection well
Chemical Product Wastes	Paint & thinner waste	Drums or tote tanks on supply vessels	EDI Environmental Services/ Lafayette LA	10 bbls/mo/well	Recycle
Drums of oily rags & filters	Oily rags and filters impregnated with oil & grease	DOT drums transported by boat	Martin Energy/Fourchon	5 drums/mo/well	Recycle
NOTE: If you will not have a type of waste, enter NA in the row.					

APPENDIX H
AIR EMISSIONS INFORMATION

A) A specific drilling unit has not been determined to conduct activities proposed in this plan.

In accordance with BOEM guidance, only one form for the type of drilling unit that has the highest potential emissions is included in the attachments to this appendix.

Multiple rig types proposed to conduct activities proposed in this plan are clarified on the title page of the attached.

In accordance with BOEM guidance, emissions associated with future well operations on the well locations proposed in this plan are included in the emissions spreadsheets in this appendix to preclude the necessity for additional plans in future years.

Well operations include those operations identified by BSEE in 30 CFR 250 Subparts D, E, F and Q, including rescheduled drilling operations and/or additional sidetrack drilling operations on well locations proposed in this plan.

In accordance with NTL 2020-G01, air emission information in both PDF and Excel formats are included as part of this plan.

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COMPANY	TALOS PETROLEUM LLC
AREA	WALKER RIDGE
BLOCK	107 and 151
LEASE	OCS-G35724 and OCS-G36926
FACILITY	N/A
WELL	Walker Ridge 107 WR107 #1 – Well B WR 107 #2 – Well E and respective alternate locations. Walker Ridge 151: MC151 #1 – Well A MC151 #2 – Well C MC151 #3 – Well D and respective alternate locations.
COMPANY CONTACT	NICOLE BUENO
TELEPHONE NO.	713-815-6555
REMARKS	Proposed Rig Types: Drillship/DP Semisubmersible Drilling and completion activities are expected to begin in 2024 and continue through 2026. However, to allow for operational flexibility, emissions are proposed through 2028. Drilling and completions activities will be performed either with a drillship or a DP semisubmersible. For conservative emission purposes, all emissions are based on the drillship maximum horsepower from BOEM's Maximum Emissions Estimates for Rig and Drillship Types.

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 3.1-18.3.1-2a	4/00	https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42ch03/final/c03a01.pdf
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	https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42ch03/final/c03a02.pdf
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	https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42ch03/final/c03a02.pdf
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	https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42ch03/final/c03a02.pdf
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	https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42ch03/final/c03a03.pdf
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	https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42ch03/final/c03a04.pdf
Diesel Boiler	lbs/bbl	0.0840	0.0420	0.0105	0.0089	1.0080	0.0084	5.14E-05	0.2100	0.0336	AP42 1.3-4; Pb and NH3: WebFIRE (08/2018)	9/98 and 5/10	https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42ch01/final/c01a03.pdf
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	https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42ch03/final/c03a01.pdf
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	https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42ch03/final/c03a01.pdf
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 NELTSP 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 NELTSP refer to Diesel Recip. > 600 hp reference	3/19	
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 NELTSP (units converted) refer to Diesel Boiler Reference	3/19	https://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-inventories/2017-national-emissions-inventory-nei-data
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 NELTSP 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	https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42ch01/final/c01a04.pdf
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	
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	0.0951	5.964	0.84	0.01428	5.14E-05	0.21	0.0336	AP42 1.3-1 through 1.3-3 and 1.3-4	5/10	https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42ch01/final/c01a03.pdf
Storage Tank	tons/yr/tank						4.300				2014 Gulfwide Inventory: Avg. emits (upper bound of 95% CI)	2017	https://www.boem.gov/environmental-studies/2014-gulfwide-emission-inventory
Fugitives	lbs/hr/component						0.0005				API Study	12/93	https://www.api.org/
Glycol Dehydrator	tons/yr/dehydrator						19.240				2011 Gulfwide Inventory: Avg. emits (upper bound of 95% CI)	2014	https://www.boem.gov/environmental-studies/2011-gulfwide-emission-inventory
Cold Vent	tons/yr/vent						44.747				2014 Gulfwide Inventory: Avg. emits (upper bound of 95% CI)	2017	https://www.boem.gov/environmental-studies/2014-gulfwide-emission-inventory
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	https://www3.epa.gov/ttnchie1/ap42ch02/final/c02a01.pdf
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	https://www.epa.gov/moves/nonroad2008a-installation-and-updates
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 2014-10/1	2014	https://www.boem.gov/ttnchie1/fles/uploaded/fles/BOEM/BOEM_Newsroom/Library/Publications/2014-1001.pdf
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 NELTSP refer to Diesel Recip. > 600 hp reference	3/19	https://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-inventories/2017-national-emissions-inventory-nei-data
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 NELTSP refer to Diesel Recip. > 600 hp reference	3/19	https://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-inventories/2017-national-emissions-inventory-nei-data

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 CALCULATIONS - 1ST YEAR

COMPANY	AREA		BLOCK	LEASE	FACILITY	WELL				CONTACT	PHONE	REMARKS													
TALOS PETROLEUM LLC	WALKER RIDGE		107 and 151	OCS-G35724 and OCS-G36926	N/A	Walker Ridge 107: WR107 #1 – Well B WR 107 #2 – Well E and respective alternate locations.		Walker Ridge 151: MC151 #1 – Well A MC151 #2 – Well C MC151 #3 – Well D and respective alternate locations.		NICOLE BUENO	713-815-6555	Drilling and completion activities are expected to begin in 2024 and continue through 2026. However, to allow for operational flexibility, emissions are proposed through 2028. Drilling completions activities will be performed either with a drillship or a DP semisubmersible. For conservative emission purposes, all emissions are based on the drillship maximum horsepower from: BOEM's Maximum Emissions Estimates for Rig and Drillship Types.													
OPERATIONS	EQUIPMENT	EQUIPMENT ID	RATING	MAX. FUEL	ACT. FUEL	RUN TIME	MAXIMUM POUNDS PER HOUR										ESTIMATED TONS								
	Diesel Engines		HP	GAL/HR	GAL/D																				
	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		61800	3179.362805	76304.71	24	152	43.60	26.30	25.51	0.63	1044.59	30.03	0.00	163.84	0.30	79.52	47.98	46.54	1.16	1905.33	54.78	0.01	298.85	0.56
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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	--	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	--
	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	--
	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	--
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	
2024 Facility Total Emissions								43.60	26.30	25.51	0.63	1,044.59	30.03	0.00	163.84	0.30	79.52	47.98	46.54	1.16	1,905.33	54.78	0.01	298.85	0.56
EXEMPTION CALCULATION	DISTANCE FROM LAND IN MILES																5,361.30			5,361.30	5,361.30	5,361.30		100,622.75	
	161.0																								
DRILLING	VESSELS- Crew Diesel		2265	116.5251902	2796.60	12	152	1.60	0.96	0.94	0.02	38.28	1.10	0.00	6.00	0.01	1.46	0.88	0.85	0.02	34.92	1.00	0.00	5.48	0.01
	VESSELS - Supply Diesel		2265	116.5251902	2796.60	12	152	1.60	0.96	0.94	0.02	38.28	1.10	0.00	6.00	0.01	1.46	0.88	0.85	0.02	34.92	1.00	0.00	5.48	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	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
INSTALLATION	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	
	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
2024 Non-Facility Total Emissions								3.20	1.93	1.87	0.05	76.57	2.20	0.00	12.01	0.02	2.91	1.76	1.71	0.04	69.83	2.01	0.00	10.95	0.02

AIR EMISSIONS CALCULATIONS - 2ND YEAR

COMPANY	AREA		BLOCK	LEASE	FACILITY	WELL				CONTACT	PHONE	REMARKS													
TALOS PETROLEUM LLC	WALKER RIDGE		107 and 151	OCS-G35724 and OCS-G36926	N/A	Walker Ridge 107: WR107 #1 – Well B WR 107 #2 – Well E and respective alternate locations.			Walker Ridge 151: MC151 #1 – Well A MC151 #2 – Well C MC151 #3 – Well D and respective alternate locations.	NICOLE BUENO	713-815-6555	Drilling and completion activities are expected to begin in 2024 and continue through 2026. However, to allow for operational flexibility, emissions are proposed through 2028. Drilling and completions activities will be performed either with a drillship or a DP semisubmersible. For conservative emission purposes, all emissions are based on the drillship maximum horsepower from BOEM's Maximum Emissions Estimates for Rig and Drillship Types.													
OPERATIONS	EQUIPMENT	EQUIPMENT ID	RATING	MAX. FUEL	ACT. FUEL	RUN TIME		MAXIMUM POUNDS PER HOUR										ESTIMATED TONS							
	Diesel Engines		HP	GAL/HR	GAL/D																				
	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		61800	3179.3628	76304.71	24	365	43.60	26.30	25.51	0.63	1044.59	30.03	0.00	163.84	0.30	190.96	115.21	111.76	2.78	4575.29	131.55	0.01	717.62	1.34
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	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 - light smoke		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	--
	COMBUSTION FLARE - medium smoke		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	--
	COMBUSTION FLARE - heavy smoke		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	--
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	
2025 Facility Total Emissions								43.60	26.30	25.51	0.63	1,044.59	30.03	0.00	163.84	0.30	190.96	115.21	111.76	2.78	4,575.29	131.55	0.01	717.62	1.34
EXEMPTION CALCULATION	DISTANCE FROM LAND IN MILES																5,361.30			5,361.30	5,361.30	5,361.30		100,622.75	
	161.0																								
DRILLING	VESSELS- Crew Diesel		2265	116.52519	2796.60	12	365	1.60	0.96	0.94	0.02	38.28	1.10	0.00	6.00	0.01	3.50	2.11	2.05	0.05	83.84	2.41	0.00	13.15	0.02
	VESSELS - Supply Diesel		2265	116.52519	2796.60	12	365	1.60	0.96	0.94	0.02	38.28	1.10	0.00	6.00	0.01	3.50	2.11	2.05	0.05	83.84	2.41	0.00	13.15	0.02
	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	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
INSTALLATION	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	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
2025 Non-Facility Total Emissions								3.20	1.93	1.87	0.05	76.57	2.20	0.00	12.01	0.02	7.00	4.22	4.10	0.10	167.69	4.82	0.00	26.30	0.05

AIR EMISSIONS CALCULATIONS - 3RD YEAR

COMPANY	AREA		BLOCK	LEASE	FACILITY	WELL			CONTACT	PHONE	REMARKS														
TALOS PETROLEUM LLC	WALKER RIDGE		107 and 151	OCS-G35724 and OCS-G36926	N/A	Walker Ridge 107: WR107 #1 – Well B WR 107 #2 – Well E and respective alternate locations.		Walker Ridge 151: MC151 #1 – Well A MC151 #2 – Well C MC151 #3 – Well D and respective alternate locations.	NICOLE BUENO	713-815-6555	Drilling and completion activities are expected to begin in 2024 and continue through 2026. However, to allow for operational flexibility, emissions are proposed through 2028. Drilling and completions activities will be performed either with a drillship or a DP semisubmersible. For conservative emission purposes, all emissions are based on the drillship maximum horsepower from BOEM's Maximum Emissions Estimates for Rig and Drillship Types.														
OPERATIONS	EQUIPMENT	EQUIPMENT ID	RATING	MAX. FUEL	ACT. FUEL	RUN TIME		MAXIMUM POUNDS PER HOUR								ESTIMATED TONS									
	Diesel Engines		HP	GAL/HR	GAL/D																				
	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		61800	3179.362805	76304.71	24	365	43.60	26.30	25.51	0.63	1044.59	30.03	0.00	163.84	0.30	190.96	115.21	111.76	2.78	4575.29	131.55	0.01	717.62	1.34
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		0																						
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	--
	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	--
	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	--
	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	--
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	
2026	Facility Total Emissions							43.60	26.30	25.51	0.63	1,044.59	30.03	0.00	163.84	0.30	190.96	115.21	111.76	2.78	4,575.29	131.55	0.01	717.62	1.34
EXEMPTION CALCULATION	DISTANCE FROM LAND IN MILES																5,361.30			5,361.30	5,361.30	5,361.30		100,622.75	
	161.0																								
DRILLING	VESSELS- Crew Diesel		2265	116.5251902	2796.60	12	365	1.60	0.96	0.94	0.02	38.28	1.10	0.00	6.00	0.01	3.50	2.11	2.05	0.05	83.84	2.41	0.00	13.15	0.02
	VESSELS - Supply Diesel		2265	116.5251902	2796.60	12	365	1.60	0.96	0.94	0.02	38.28	1.10	0.00	6.00	0.01	3.50	2.11	2.05	0.05	83.84	2.41	0.00	13.15	0.02
	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	
	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	
2026	Non-Facility Total Emissions							3.20	1.93	1.87	0.05	76.57	2.20	0.00	12.01	0.02	7.00	4.22	4.10	0.10	167.69	4.82	0.00	26.30	0.05

AIR EMISSIONS CALCULATIONS - 4TH YEAR

COMPANY	AREA		BLOCK	LEASE	FACILITY	WELL				CONTACT	PHONE	REMARKS													
TALOS PETROLEUM LLC	WALKER RIDGE		107 and 151	OCS-G35724 and OCS-G36926	N/A	Walker Ridge 107: WR107 #1 – Well B WR 107 #2 – Well E and respective alternate locations.		Walker Ridge 151: MC151 #1 – Well A MC151 #2 – Well C MC151 #3 – Well D and respective alternate locations.		NICOLE BUENO	713-815-6555	Drilling and completion activities are expected to begin in 2024 and continue through 2026. However, to allow for operational flexibility, emissions are proposed through 2028. Drilling and completions activities will be performed either with a drillship or a DP semisubmersible. For conservative emission purposes, all emissions are based on the drillship maximum horsepower from BOEM's Maximum Emissions Estimates for Rig and Drillship Types.													
OPERATIONS	EQUIPMENT	EQUIPMENT ID	RATING	MAX. FUEL	ACT. FUEL	RUN TIME	MAXIMUM POUNDS PER HOUR										ESTIMATED TONS								
	Diesel Engines		HP	GAL/HR	GAL/D																				
	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		61800	3179.362805	76304.71	24	181	43.60	26.30	25.51	0.63	1044.59	30.03	0.00	163.84	0.30	94.70	57.13	55.42	1.38	2268.84	65.23	0.01	355.86	0.66
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	0.00	0.00	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	--
	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	--
	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	--
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	
2027	Facility Total Emissions							43.60	26.30	25.51	0.63	1,044.59	30.03	0.00	163.84	0.30	94.70	57.13	55.42	1.38	2,268.84	65.23	0.01	355.86	0.66
EXEMPTION CALCULATION	DISTANCE FROM LAND IN MILES																5,361.30			5,361.30	5,361.30	5,361.30		100,622.75	
	161.0																								
DRILLING	VESSELS- Crew Diesel		2265	116.5251902	2796.60	12	181	1.60	0.96	0.94	0.02	38.28	1.10	0.00	6.00	0.01	1.74	1.05	1.02	0.03	41.58	1.20	0.00	6.52	0.01
	VESSELS - Supply Diesel		2265	116.5251902	2796.60	12	181	1.60	0.96	0.94	0.02	38.28	1.10	0.00	6.00	0.01	1.74	1.05	1.02	0.03	41.58	1.20	0.00	6.52	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												0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Man Camp - Operation (maximum people per day)		PEOPLE/DAY																						
	VESSELS		kW			HR/D	D/YR																		
	On-Ice – Loader			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	
	On-Ice – Other Construction Equipment			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	
	On-Ice – Other Survey Equipment			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	
	On-Ice – Tractor			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	
	On-Ice – Truck (for gravel island)			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	
	On-Ice – Truck (for surveys)			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	
	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	
	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	
2027	Non-Facility Total Emissions							3.20	1.93	1.87	0.05	76.57	2.20	0.00	12.01	0.02	3.47	2.09	2.03	0.05	83.15	2.39	0.00	13.04	0.02

AIR EMISSIONS CALCULATIONS - 5TH YEAR

COMPANY	AREA		BLOCK	LEASE	FACILITY	WELL				CONTACT	PHONE	REMARKS													
TALOS PETROLEUM LLC	WALKER RIDGE		107 and 151	OCS-G35724 a	N/A	Walker Ridge 107: WR107 #1 – Well B WR 107 #2 – Well E and respective alternate locations.		Walker Ridge 151: MC151 #1 – Well A MC151 #2 – Well C MC151 #3 – Well D and respective alternate locations.		NICOLE BUENO	713-815-6555	Drilling and completion activities are expected to begin in 2024 and continue through 2026. However, to allow for operational flexibility, emissions are proposed through 2028. Drilling and completions activities will be performed either with a drillship or a DP semisubmersible. For conservative emission purposes, all emissions are based on the drillship maximum horsepower from BOEM's Maximum Emissions Estimates for Rig and Drillship Types.													
OPERATIONS	EQUIPMENT	EQUIPMENT ID	RATING	MAX. FUEL	ACT. FUEL	RUN TIME		MAXIMUM POUNDS PER HOUR									ESTIMATED TONS								
	Diesel Engines		HP	GAL/HR	GAL/D																				
	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		61800	3179.3628	76304.71	24	181	43.60	26.30	25.51	0.63	1044.59	30.03	0.00	163.84	0.30	94.70	57.13	55.42	1.38	2268.84	65.23	0.01	355.86	0.66
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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	--	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	--
	COMBUSTION FLARE - light smoke					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	0.00	0.00	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	--
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	
2028	Facility Total Emissions							43.60	26.30	25.51	0.63	1,044.59	30.03	0.00	163.84	0.30	94.70	57.13	55.42	1.38	2,268.84	65.23	0.01	355.86	0.66
EXEMPTION CALCULATION	DISTANCE FROM LAND IN MILES																5,361.30			5,361.30	5,361.30	5,361.30		100,622.75	
	161.0																								
DRILLING	VESSELS- Crew Diesel		2265	116.52519	2796.60	0	0	1.60	0.96	0.94	0.02	38.28	1.10	0.00	6.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	VESSELS - Supply Diesel		2265	116.52519	2796.60	0	0	1.60	0.96	0.94	0.02	38.28	1.10	0.00	6.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	
	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	
2028	Non-Facility Total Emissions							3.20	1.93	1.87	0.05	76.57	2.20	0.00	12.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

AIR EMISSIONS CALCULATIONS

COMPANY	AREA	BLOCK	LEASE	WELL	FACILITY	
TALOS PETROLEUM LLC	WR	107 and 151	OCS-G35724 and OCS-G36926	Walker Ridge 107 WR107 #1 – Well B WR 107 #2 – Well E and respective alternate locations. Walker Ridge 151: MC151 #1 – Well A MC151 #2 – Well C MC151 #3 – Well D and respective alternate locations.	N/A	

Year	Facility Emitted Substance								
	TSP	PM10	PM2.5	SOx	NOx	VOC	Pb	CO	NH3
2024	79.52	47.98	46.54	1.16	1905.33	54.78	0.01	298.85	0.56
2025	190.96	115.21	111.76	2.78	4575.29	131.55	0.01	717.62	1.34
2026	190.96	115.21	111.76	2.78	4575.29	131.55	0.01	717.62	1.34
2027	94.70	57.13	55.42	1.38	2268.84	65.23	0.01	355.86	0.66
2028	94.70	57.13	55.42	1.38	2268.84	65.23	0.01	355.86	0.66
Allowable	5361.30			5361.30	5361.30	5361.30		100622.75	

**APPENDIX I
OIL SPILLS INFORMATION**

A) OIL SPILL RESPONSE PLANNING

Pursuant to CFR 250.219 and NTL BOEM 2015-N01, this appendix provides information regarding any potential oil spill(s), the assumptions and calculations used to determine the worst case discharge (WCD) measures scenario.

Below is a reference to and status of Talos Petroleum's Regional OSRP. A site specific OSRP nor a subregional OSRP is not required with this plan, as the State of Florida is not an affected State for the activities proposed herein.

1) REGIONAL OR SUBREGIONAL OSRP INFORMATION

All of the proposed activities and facilities in this Plan will be covered by the Regional Oil Spill Response Plan filed by Talos ERT LLC (BOEM Company No. 02899) in accordance with 30 CFR 254 and approved on May 4, 2017, OSRP Control No. O-647. By letter dated October 2, 2023, the latest OSRP nonregulatory revision was found to be in compliance. As of letter dated October 2, 2023, BSEE acknowledged that the following operators are covered under this OSRP:

Talos ERT LLC (02899)
Talos Petroleum LLC (01834)
Talos Energy Offshore LLC (03247)
Talos Oil and Gas LLC (03269)
Talos Third Coast LLC (03619)
Talos Gulf Coast Onshore, LLC (22691)
Talos Gulf Coast Offshore LLC (03201)
Talos Energy Ventures, LLC (03026)

By letter dated March 4, 2024, Talos Production Inc. (BOEM Company No. 03283) filed a Regional Oil Spill Response Plan. This initial plan is currently pending BSEE approval. The Talos entities listed above are covered under this OSRP with the addition of QuarterNorth Energy LLC's properties.

2) SPILL RESPONSE SITES

The table below provides information on the location of the primary spill response equipment and the location of the planned staging area(s) that would be used should an oil spill occur resulting from the activities proposed herein.

Primary Response Equipment Location	Pre-planned Staging Location
Houma, LA; Harvey, LA; Leeville, LA	Houma, LA; Harvey, LA; Leeville, LA; Fourchon, LA

3) OIL SPILL REMOVAL ORGANIZATION (OSRO) INFORMATION

Talos' primary equipment provider is Clean Gulf Association (CGA). The Marine Spill Response Corporation's (MSRC) STARS network will closest available personnel, as well as a MSRC supervisor to operate the equipment. CGA and MSRC have equipment pre-staged around the Gulf of Mexico. The major locations of this equipment are Lake Charles, Houma, Fort Jackson, and Venice, Louisiana; Galveston and Ingleside, Texas; and Pascagoula, Mississippi.

4) WORST CASE SCENARIO COMPARISON

The table below provides a comparison of the worst-case discharge scenario from the above referenced Regional OSRP with the worst-case scenario from the activities proposed herein. Please note the Regional OSRP distance to shore scenarios are approximate and will be updated as required with modifications to the OSRP. The distance to shore for the proposed activities is accurate and based on survey data.

Worst Case Discharge Comparison Chart				
Category	DRILLING		PRODUCTION	
	REGIONAL OSRP WCD	DOCD WCD CURRENT PLAN	REGIONAL OSRP WCD	DOCD WCD CURRENT PLAN
Type of Activity	EXPLORATORY WELL	DOCD WCD	Production > 10 miles from shore	DOCD WCD
Facility Location (Area/Block)	GC 281	WR 107	N/A	N/A
Facility Designation	Well SS001	Well B	N/A	N/A

Worst Case Discharge Comparison Chart				
Category	DRILLING		PRODUCTION	
	REGIONAL OSRP WCD	DOCD WCD CURRENT PLAN	REGIONAL OSRP WCD	DOCD WCD CURRENT PLAN
Type of Activity	EXPLORATORY WELL	DOCD WCD	Production > 10 miles from shore	DOCD WCD
Distance to Shore (miles)	91	161	N/A	N/A
Volume				
Flowlines (on facility)				
Storage				
Uncontrolled Blowout	370000.00	95564.00	0.00	0.00
Lease Term Pipelines				
Total Volume	370000.00	95564.00	0.00	0.00
Type of Oil(s) (crude, condensate, diesel)	Crude	Crude	N/A	N/A
API Gravity	33	31	N/A	N/A

Since Talos Petroleum LLC has the capacity to respond to the worst case spill scenario included in our Regional OSRP approved on May 4, 2017 and determined in compliance October 2, 2023, and since the worst case scenario determined for our Plan does not replace the worst case scenario in our Regional OSRP, Talos hereby certifies that we have the capacity to respond, to the maximum extent practicable, to a worst case discharge, or substantial threat of such a discharge, resulting from the activities proposed in this Plan.

5) WORST CASE DISCHARGE SCENARIOS AND ASSUMPTIONS

Provided in the attachments of the Proprietary Copy of this plan are Worst Case Discharge Volume Calculations and Assumptions for the activities proposed in this plan.

6) OIL SPILL RESPONSE DISCUSSION

Attached to this appendix is an Oil Spill Response Discussion for the activities proposed in this Plan.

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 95,564 barrels of crude oil with an API gravity of 31°.

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 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.

Response

Talos Petroleum LLC 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 17% of crude oil would be evaporated/dispersed within 24 hours.

Natural Weathering Data: WR 107, Well Location B	Barrels of Oil
WCD Volume	95,564
Less 17% natural evaporation/dispersion	16,246
Remaining volume	78,318

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. Please note that **Figure 2** is a list of contractually available equipment, which may be called out in the event of an exercise or spill. However, operations and specific equipment are situationally dependent and may change according to product specifications, weather, and environmental conditions, etc.

Talos Petroleum LLC'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 the DC-3 aircraft 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 and MSRC spill response equipment, with a total derated skimming capacity of 822,944 barrels. Temporary storage associated with skimming equipment equals 189,996 barrels. If additional storage is needed, various storage barges with a total capacity 635,452 bbls may be mobilized and centrally located to provide temporary storage and minimize off-loading time. CGA works with the member company's Incident Management Team (IMT), specifically the marine logistics group within the logistics section, to identify and procure Offshore Supply Vessels capable of providing temporary offshore storage to the initial mechanical recovery assets within 12-24 hours, ensuring that devices for the storage of recovered oil are sufficient to allow containment and recovery operations to continue without interruption. If needed, CGA can leverage an internal CGA membership vessel sharing agreement to help locate available vessels. All OSVs can put 20% of their deadweight in recovered oil into their liquid mud storage tanks and dual certificated OSVs can utilize 100% of liquid mud tank capacity for recovered oil storage. **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, Louisiana would depend upon existing environmental conditions. Shoreline protection may include the use of CGA and MSRC shoreline, near shore and shallow water skimmers with a totaled derated skimming capacity of 269,968 barrels. Temporary storage associated with skimming equipment equals 9,241 barrels. If additional storage is needed, various storage barges with a total capacity 265,288 bbls 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. A Master Service Agreement with AMPOL and a Letter of Intent from E3 OMI will ensure access to 156,550 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. 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. The UC should take into consideration all appropriate items detailed in Tactics discussion of this Appendix. The UC and their personnel have the option to modify the deployment and operation of equipment to allow for a more effective response to site-specific

circumstances. Talos Petroleum LLC's contract Incident Management Team has access to the applicable ACP(s) and GRP(s).

Based on the anticipated worst case discharge scenario, Talos Petroleum LLC 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 76 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

Talos Petroleum LLC 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 Incident Management Team (IMT) 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 Talos Petroleum LLC'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 ≥ 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 (C³)

- Publish, implement, and fully test an appropriate communications plan
- Design an operational scheme, maintaining a manageable span of control
- Designate and mark C³ vessels for easy aerial identification
- Designate and employ C³ 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 O₂, LEL, H₂S, 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
Operating parameters			
Sea State	3-5 ft max	9.8 ft max	3-5 ft max
Skimming speed	≤1 kt	≤3 kts	≤1 kt
Vessel size			
Minimum Length	100 ft	200 ft	100 ft
Deck space for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tank(s)• Crane(s)• Boom Reels• Hydraulic Power Units• Equipment Boxes	18x32 ft	100x40 ft	18x32 ft
Communication Assets	Marine Band Radio	Marine Band Radio	Marine Band Radio

Tactical use of Vessels of Opportunity (VOO): Talos Petroleum LLC 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.

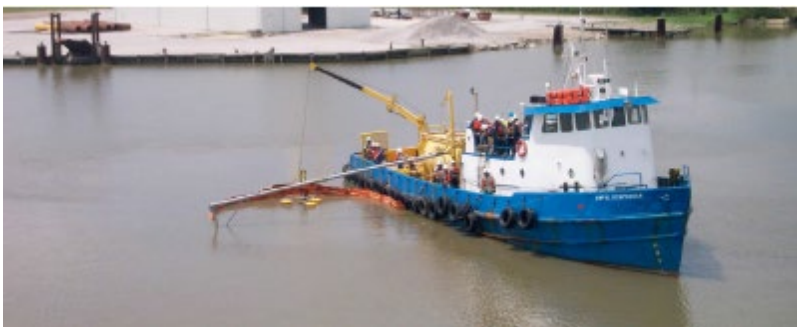
Tactical Overview

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 ≤ 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 ≤ 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

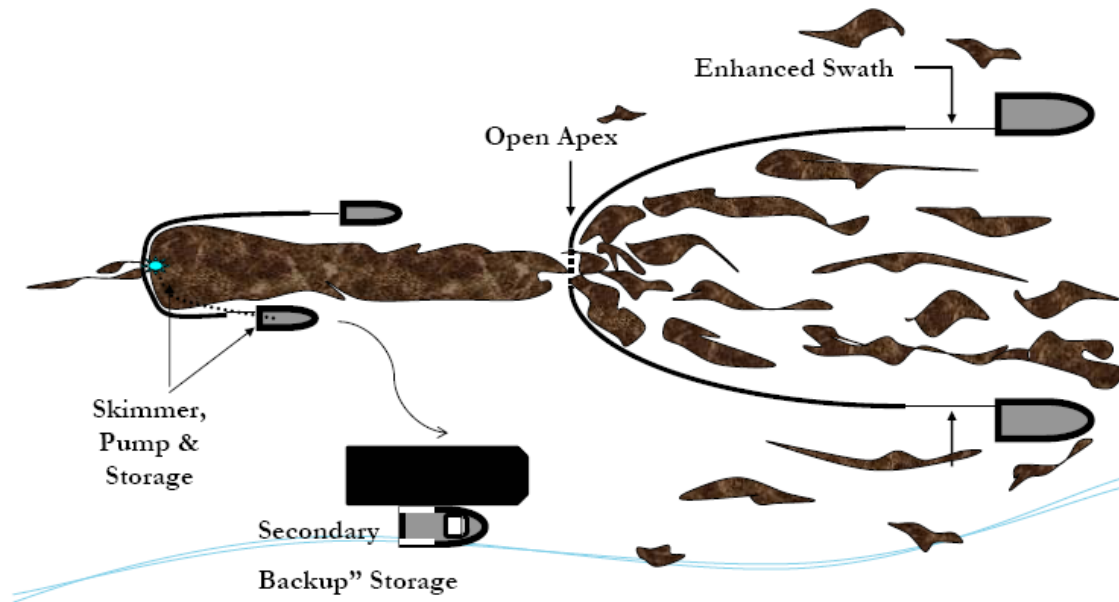
Mechanical Recovery – Deployed on large vessels of opportunity (VOO) the Koseq Rigid Sweeping Arms are high volume surge capacity deployed to increase recovery capacity at the source of a large oil spill in the offshore and outer nearshore environment of the Gulf of Mexico. They are highly mobile and 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 ≥ 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
- Egmpol and Marco SWS
- Operate with aerial spotter directing systems to observed oil slicks

VOO

- Use Talos Petroleum LLC'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

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 Talos Petroleum LLC'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>WR 107, Well Location B</p> <p><i>161 miles from shore</i></p>	G35724	C47	Matagorda, TX	1
			Brazoria, TX	1
			Galveston, TX	2
			Jefferson, TX	1
			Cameron, LA	3
			Vermilion, LA	1
			Terrebonne, LA	1
			Plaquemines, LA	1

WCD Scenario– BASED ON WELL BLOWOUT DURING DRILLING OPERATIONS (161 miles from shore)
78,318 bbls of crude oil (Volume considering natural weathering)
API Gravity 31°

FIGURE 2 – Equipment Response Time to WR 107, Well Location B

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	1	5
DC 3	1200	2	Houma	2	2	1.3	5.3
Aero Commander	NA	2	Houma	2	2	1	5
MSRC							
737-500	4,125	3	Weyers Cave, VA	2	0.5	2.6	5.1
737-500	4,125	3	Moses Lake, WA	2	0.5	5.2	7.7

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	8	Harvey	6	0	12	20	2	40
95' FRV	22885	249	NA	6	Galveston	2	0	2	15	1	20
95' FRV	22885	249	NA	6	Leeville	2	0	2	8	1	13
95' FRV	22885	249	NA	6	Venice	2	0	3	8.5	1	14.5
95' FRV	22885	249	NA	6	Vermilion	2	0	3	10	1	16
Boom Barge (CGA-300) 42" Auto Boom (25000')	NA	NA	1 Tug 50 Crew	4 (Barge) 2 (Per Crew)	Leeville	8	0	4	23	2	37
Kirby Offshore (available through contract with CGA)											
DBL 101	NA	107285	1 Tug	6	Houma	24	12	0	22	0	58
DBL 102	NA	107285	1 Tug	6	Houma	24	12	0	22	0	58
DBL 103	NA	107285	1 Tug	6	Houma	24	12	0	22	0	58
DBL 104	NA	107285	1 Tug	6	Houma	24	12	0	22	0	58
Penn No 110	NA	111078	1 Tug	6	Houma	24	12	0	22	0	58
Penn No 90	NA	95234	1 Tug	6	Houma	24	12	0	22	0	58

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
MSRC											
Louisiana Responder Transrec 350 + OSRV <i>2,640' 67" Curtain Pressure Boom</i>	10567	4000	NA	10	Fort Jackson, LA	2	0	4.5	17	1	24.5
MSRC 401 Offshore Barge 1 Crucial Disk 88/30 <i>2,640' 67" Curtain Pressure Boom</i>	11122	40000	3 Tugs	9	Fort Jackson, LA	2.5	0	6	30	1	39.5
Mississippi Responder Transrec 350 + OSRV <i>2,640' 67" Curtain Pressure Boom</i>	10567	4000	NA	10	Pascagoula, MS	2	0	2	20	1	25
MSRC 402 Offshore Barge 2 Crucial Disk 88/30 <i>2,640' 67" Curtain Pressure Boom</i>	22244	40300	3 Tugs	9	Pascagoula, MS	2.5	0	3	36	1	42.5
S.T. Benz Responder LFF 100 Brush + OSRV <i>2,640' 67" Curtain Pressure Boom</i>	18086	4000	NA	10	Grand Isle, LA	2	0	1	13	1	17
Gulf Coast Responder Transrec 350 + OSRV <i>2,640' 67" Curtain Pressure Boom</i>	10567	4000	NA	10	Lake Charles, LA	2	0	4	18	1	25
Texas Responder Transrec 350 + OSRV <i>2,640' 67" Curtain Pressure Boom</i>	10567	4000	NA	10	Galveston, TX	2	0	1	21	1	26
MSRC 570 Offshore Barge 2 Crucial Disk 88/30 <i>2,640' 67" Curtain Pressure Boom</i>	22244	56900	3 Tugs	9	Galveston, TX	2.5	0	2	27	1	32.5

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
T&T Marine (available through direct contract with CGA)											
Aqua Guard Triton RBS (1)	22323	2000	1 Utility	6	Galveston	4	12	12	14	2	44
Aqua Guard Triton RBS (1)	22323	2000	1 Utility	6	Harvey	4	12	3	14	2	35
Koseq Skimming Arms (10) Lamor brush	228850	10000	5 OSV	30	Galveston	24	24	12	14	2	76
Koseq Skimming Arms (6) MariFlex 150 HF	108978	6000	3 OSV	18	Galveston	24	24	12	14	2	76
Koseq Skimming Arms (2) Lamor brush	45770	2000	1 OSV	6	Harvey	24	24	3	14	2	67
Koseq Skimming Arms (4) MariFlex 150 HF	72652	4000	2 OSV	12	Harvey	24	24	3	14	2	67
CGA											
FRU (1) + 100 bbl Tank (2)	4251	200	1 Utility	6	Vermilion	2	6	6	14	1	29
FRU (1) + 100 bbl Tank (2)	4251	200	1 Utility	6	Galveston	2	6	12	14	1	35
FRU (1) + 100 bbl Tank (2)	4251	200	1 Utility	6	Aransas Pass	2	6	17	14	1	40
FRU (1) + 100 bbl Tank (2)	4251	200	1 Utility	6	Vermilion	2	6	7	14	1	30
FRU (3) + 100 bbl Tank (6)	12753	600	3 Utility	18	Leeville	2	6	2	14	1	25
FRU (2) + 100 bbl Tank (4)	8502	400	2 Utility	12	Venice	2	6	5	14	1	28

Offshore Equipment Preferred 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	14	6	47
MSRC											
67" Curtain Pressure Boom (53570")	NA	NA	7*	14	Houston	1	2	12	14	1	30
1000' Fire Resistant Boom	NA	NA	3*	6	Galveston	1	4	12	14	6	37
16000' Fire Resistant Boom	NA	NA	3*	6	Houston	1	4	11	14	6	36
2000' Hydro Fire Boom	NA	NA	8*	8	Lake Charles	1	4	7	14	6	32

* Utility Boats, Crew Boats, Supply Boats, or Fishing Vessels

Shoreline / 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											
Mid-Ship SWS	22885	249	NA	4	Leeville	2	0	N/A	48	1	51
Mid-Ship SWS	22885	249	NA	4	Venice	2	0	N/A	48	1	51
Mid-Ship SWS	22885	249	NA	4	Galveston	2	0	N/A	48	1	51
Trinity SWS	21500	249	NA	4	Leeville	2	0	N/A	48	1	51
Trinity SWS	21500	249	NA	4	Venice	2	0	N/A	48	1	51
Trinity SWS	21500	249	NA	4	Vermilion	2	0	N/A	48	1	51
Trinity SWS	21500	249	NA	4	Galveston	2	0	N/A	48	1	51
46' FRV	15257	65	NA	4	Aransas Pass	2	0	2	16	1	21
46' FRV	15257	65	NA	4	Leeville	2	0	2	8	1	13
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
Kirby Offshore (available through contract with CGA)											
DBL 81	NA	86498	1 Tug	6	Port Arthur	24	12	0	6	0	42
DBL 82	NA	86498	1 Tug	6	Port Arthur	24	12	0	6	0	42
Penn No 91	NA	92292	1 Tug	6	Port Arthur	24	12	0	6	0	42

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	Leeville	2	2	7	2	1	14
SWS Marco	3588	20	NA	3	Vermilion	2	2	2.5	2	1	9.5
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	NA	3	Vermilion	4	12	2.5	2	2	22.5
Foilex Skim Package (TDS 150)	1131	50	NA	3	Galveston	4	12	5	2	2	25
Foilex Skim Package (TDS 150)	1131	50	NA	3	Harvey	4	12	7	2	2	27
4 Drum Skimmer (Magnum 100)	680	100	1 Crew	3	Vermilion	2	2	2.5	2	1	9.5
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	2.5	2	1	9.5
2 Drum Skimmer (TDS 118)	240	100	1 Crew	3	Harvey	2	2	7	2	1	14
MSRC											
WP 1 Skimmer (1)	3017	400	1 Utility	4	Ingleside	1	1	9.5	2	0	13.5
Queensboro Skimmer (1)	905	400	1 Utility	4	Galveston	1	1	5	2	0	9
Queensboro Skimmer (5)	4525	2000	5 Utility	20	Lake Charles	1	1	1	2	0	5
AardVac Skimmer (1)	3840	400	1 Utility	4	Lake Charles	1	1	1	2	0	5
Queensboro Skimmer (1)	905	400	1 Utility	4	Belle Chasse	1	1	7	2	0	11
AardVac Skimmer (1)	3840	400	1 Utility	4	Pascagoula	1	1	9.5	2	0	13.5
WP 1 Skimmer (1)	3017	400	1 Utility	4	Pascagoula	1	1	9.5	2	0	13.5
Queensboro Skimmer (1)	905	400	1 Utility	4	Pascagoula	1	1	9.5	2	0	13.5
WP 1 Skimmer (1)	3017	400	1 Utility	4	Tampa	1	1	25	2	0	29
AardVac Skimmer (2)	7680	800	2 Utility	8	Miami	1	1	31	2	0	35
WP 1 Skimmer (1)	3017	400	1 Utility	4	Miami	1	1	31	2	0	35

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
16,000' 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
11,800' 18" Boom	5 Crew	10	Gonzales, LA	2	2	9	2	2	17
16,000' 18" Boom	7 Crew	14	Port Arthur, TX	2	2	1.5	2	6	13.5
2,700' 18" Boom	2 Crew	4	Decatur, GA	2	2	20	2	6	32
E3 OMI (available through LOI)									
13,500' 18" Boom	6 Crew	12	Belle Chasse, LA	1	1	8	2	3	15
4,400' 18" Boom	2 Crew	4	Gonzalez, LA	1	1	8	2	3	15
10,000' 18" Boom	5 Crew	10	Lake Charles, LA	1	1	2	2	3	9
3,500' 18" Boom	2 Crew	4	Cut Off, LA	1	1	7	2	3	14
2,000' 18" Boom	1 Crew	2	Morgan City, LA	1	1	5	2	3	12
9,700' 18" Boom	5 Crew	10	New Iberia, LA	1	1	4	2	3	11
4,000' 18" Boom	2 Crew	4	Venice, LA	1	1	9	2	3	16
6,000' 18" Boom	3 Crew	6	Deer Park, TX	1	1	4	2	3	11
10,000' 18" Boom	5 Crew	10	La Marque, TX	1	1	4	2	3	11
12,000' 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 (24)	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	822,944
Offshore Recovered Oil Capacity	825,448
Nearshore / Shallow Water EDRC	269,968
Nearshore / Shallow Water Recovered Oil Capacity	274,529

**APPENDIX J
ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING INFORMATION**

A) MONITORING SYSTEMS

The proposed drilling units are equipped with Acoustic Doppler Current Profile (ADCP) monitoring equipment. Data from these meters are reported to the National Data Buoy Center website.

B) INCIDENTAL TAKES

There is no reason to believe that any of the endangered species or marine mammals as listed in the ESA will be "taken" as a result of the operations proposed under this plan. To date, it has been documented that the use of explosives and/or seismic devices can affect marine life. Operations proposed in this plan will not be utilizing either of these devices. Operations in this plan will also not be utilizing pile driving. The pipeline proposed in this plan will not be making landfall.

Talos Petroleum will adhere to the requirements as set forth in the following Notices to Lessees and guidelines, as applicable, to avoid or minimize impacts to any of the species listed in the ESA as a result of the operations conducted herein:

- NTL 2015-G03 "Marine Trash and Debris Awareness and Elimination"
- BOEM NTL 2016-G01 "Vessel Strike Avoidance and Injured/ Dead Protected Species Reporting"
- BOEM NTL 2016-G02 "Implementation of Seismic Survey Mitigation Measures and Protected Species Observer Program"

2020 Biological Opinion:

- Appendix A: Seismic Survey Mitigation and Protected Species Observer Protocols, found in the Biological Opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service on March 13, 2020
- Appendix B: Gulf of Mexico Marine Trash and Debris Awareness and Elimination Survey Protocols, found in the Biological Opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service on March 13, 2020
- Appendix C: Gulf of Mexico Vessel Strike Avoidance and Injured/Dead Aquatic Protected Species Reporting Protocols, found in the Biological Opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service on March 13, 2020
- Appendix J: Sea Turtle Handling and Resuscitation Guidelines, found in the Biological Opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Services on March 13, 2020

C) FLOWER GARDEN BANKS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to the activities proposed herein as the subject area and block(s) are not located within the Protective Zones of the Flower Garden Banks and Stetson Bank.

APPENDIX K LEASE STIPULATIONS INFORMATION

A) Stipulation No. 4: Protected Species The Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 et seq.) and the Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. §§ 1361 et seq.) are designed to protect threatened and endangered species and marine mammals and apply to activities authorized under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA, 43 U.S.C. §§ 1331 et seq.). The Congressional Declaration of Policy included in OCSLA provides that it is the policy of the United States that the OCS should be made available for expeditious and orderly development, subject to environmental safeguards, in a manner that is consistent with the maintenance of competition and other national needs (see 43 U.S.C. § 1332). Both the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) comply with these laws on the OCS.

The lessee and its operators must:

Comply with the Reasonable and Prudent Measures and implementing Terms and Conditions of the Biological Opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on March 13, 2020 (2020 NMFS BiOp), as amended. This includes mitigation, particularly any appendices to Terms and Conditions applicable to the activity, as well as record-keeping and reporting sufficient to allow BOEM and BSEE to comply with reporting and monitoring requirements under the BiOp; and any additional reporting required by BOEM or BSEE developed as a result of implementation of the 2020 NMFS BiOp and 2021 Amended Incidental Take Statement (ITS) and Revised Appendices.

-The 2020 NMFS BiOp may be found here:<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/resource/document/biological-opinion-federally-regulated-oil-and-gas-program-activities-gulf-mexico>.

-The Appendices and protocols may be found here:<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/resource/document/appendices-biological-opinion-federally-regulated-oil-and-gas-program-gulf-mexico>.

-The 2021 Amended ITS and Revised Appendices are found here:<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/resource/document/amended-incidental-take-statement-and-revised-appendices>.

Immediately report all sightings and locations of injured or dead protected species(e.g., marine mammals and sea turtles) to the appropriate hotlines listed at<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/report> (phone numbers vary by state), as required in the 2020 NMFS BiOp and 2021 Revised Appendix C. If oil and gas industry activity is responsible for the injured or dead animal (e.g., injury or death was caused by a vessel strike, entrapment or entanglement), the responsible parties must notify BOEM and BSEE within 24 hours of the strike or entanglement/entrapment by email to protectedspecies@boem.gov and protectedspecies@bsee.gov, respectively. Unless previously approved by BOEM or BSEE through a plan or permit issued under this lease, notify BOEM at least 15 days prior to any proposed vessel transit of the Bryde's Whale area, and receive prior approval for that transit from BOEM. The Bryde's whale area, as described in the 2020 NMFS BiOp, includes the area from 100- to 400-meter isobaths from 87.5° W to 27.5° N as described in the status review (Rosel, 2016), plus an additional 10 kilometers around that area. 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 the following Appendices of the 2020 NMFS BiOp and 2021 Amended ITS and Revised Appendices: -Appendix A: "Seismic Survey Mitigation and Protected Species Observer Protocols"

-Appendix B: "Gulf of Mexico Marine Trash and Debris Awareness and Elimination Survey Protocols"

-Appendix C: "Vessel Strike Avoidance and Injured/Dead Aquatic Protected Species Reporting Protocols"

-Appendix I: "Explosive Removal of Structure Measures"

-Appendix J: "Sea Turtle Handling and Resuscitation Guidelines"

Certain post-lease approvals (e.g., for activities proposing new and unusual technologies, certain seismic surveys) will require a step-down review by NMFS, as provided by the 2020 NMFS BiOp and 2021 Amended ITS, and additional mitigations to protect ESA-listed species may be applied at that time. 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 2020 NMFS BiOp, the 2021 ITS, and Appendices, or through new or activity-specific consultations. The most current applicable terms and conditions and reasonable and prudent measures from the 2020 NMFS BiOp, 2021 Amended ITS and Appendices or other relevant consultations will be applied to post-lease approvals. The lessee and its operators, personnel, and subcontractors will be required to comply with the mitigation measures identified in the above referenced 2020 NMFS BiOp and 2021 Amended ITS (including the Appendices), and additional measures in the conditions of approvals for their plans or permits.

APPENDIX L
ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION MEASURES INFORMATION

A) MEASURES TAKEN TO AVOID, MINIMIZE, AND MITIGATE IMPACTS

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to the activities proposed herein as the State of Florida is not an affected State.

B) INCIDENTAL TAKES

Talos Petroleum will adhere to the requirements as set forth in the following Notices to Lessees, as applicable, to avoid or minimize impacts to any of the species listed in the ESA as a result of the operations conducted herein: NTL 2015-G03 "Marine Trash and Debris Awareness and Elimination" BOEM NTL 2016-G01 "Vessel Strike Avoidance and Injured/ Dead Protected Species Reporting" BOEM NTL 2016-G02 "Implementation of Seismic Survey Mitigation Measures and Protected Species Observer Program" Biological Opinion 2020: Appendix A: Seismic Survey Mitigation and Protected Species Observer Protocols, found in the Biological Opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service on March 13, 2020 Appendix B: Gulf of Mexico Marine Trash and Debris Awareness and Elimination Survey Protocols, found in the Biological Opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service on March 13, 2020 Appendix C: Gulf of Mexico Vessel Strike Avoidance and Injured/Dead Aquatic Protected Species Reporting Protocols, found in the Biological Opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service on March 13, 2020 Appendix J: Sea Turtle Handling and Resuscitation Guidelines, found in the Biological Opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Services on March 13, 2020 Note: The proposed operations will not utilize a casing hammer to drive pipe. Talos does not propose any new pipelines that will make landfall.

Talos will utilize a Drilling Rig with a typical moonpool that is used in all Deepwater Dynamically Positioned Drillships and Semi-submersibles. The moonpool is located on or about the center of the rig. The moonpool's purpose is to allow access to the water level to drill, complete and workover wells. This also allows access to run the Blowout Preventers, Marine Riser and ancillary equipment to the seafloor. There is no closing mechanism for the moonpool area as it is always open to the sea.

In the extremely rare instance that marine life would get entrapped or entangled by equipment in the moonpool, or by any other equipment on the rig, below are mitigations that will be put in place to protect the marine life in case of an incident:

- Talos will provide a dedicated crew member to survey the moonpool area for marine life while moving any equipment in or out of that area.
- If marine life is detected in the moonpool area, we will cease all operations until it is free and clear.
- Monitor video from the camera(s) that is focused on the moonpool area.
- If endangered marine life is seen in the area, a live video feed can be streamed real-time for additional coverage.
- If marine life is entrapped or entangled, we can safely lower someone into the moonpool to free it.

APPENDIX M
RELATED FACILITIES & OPERATIONS INFORMATION

A) RELATED OCS FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to the activities proposed herein as this is an Exploration Plan.

B) TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to the activities proposed herein as this is an Exploration Plan.

C) PRODUCED LIQUID HYDROCARBONS TRANSPORTATION VESSELS

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to the activities proposed herein as no new production is being proposed for transport nor is existing production transporting methods being modified.

APPENDIX N
SUPPORT VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

A) GENERAL

The most practical and direct route from the shorebase as permitted by weather and traffic conditions will be utilized. The table below provides information on vessels and aircraft that will be used to support the proposed activities.

Type	Maximun Fuel Tank Capacity	Maximun Number in Area at Any Time	Trip Frequency or Duration
Helicopter	260 gallons	1	3 trips per week
Supply Boat	6,000 bbls	2	3 trips per week
Helicopter	125 gallons	1	Daily
Crew Boat	1,700 bbls	1	4 trips per week

B) DIESEL OIL SUPPLY VESSELS

The table below provides information on the vessels that will be used to supply diesel oil. It also includes all vessels that will transfer diesel oil that will be used for purposes other than fuel.

Size of Fuel Supply Vessel	Capacity of Fuel Supply Vessel	Frequency of Fuel Transfers	Route Fuel Supply Vessel Will Take
320 feet	6,000 bbls	Weekly	Most direct route from shorebase

C) DRILLING FLUID TRANSPORTATION

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to the activities proposed herein as the State of Florida is not an affected State.

Type of Material	Quantity Being Transported	Transportation Method
Not applicable this plan.		

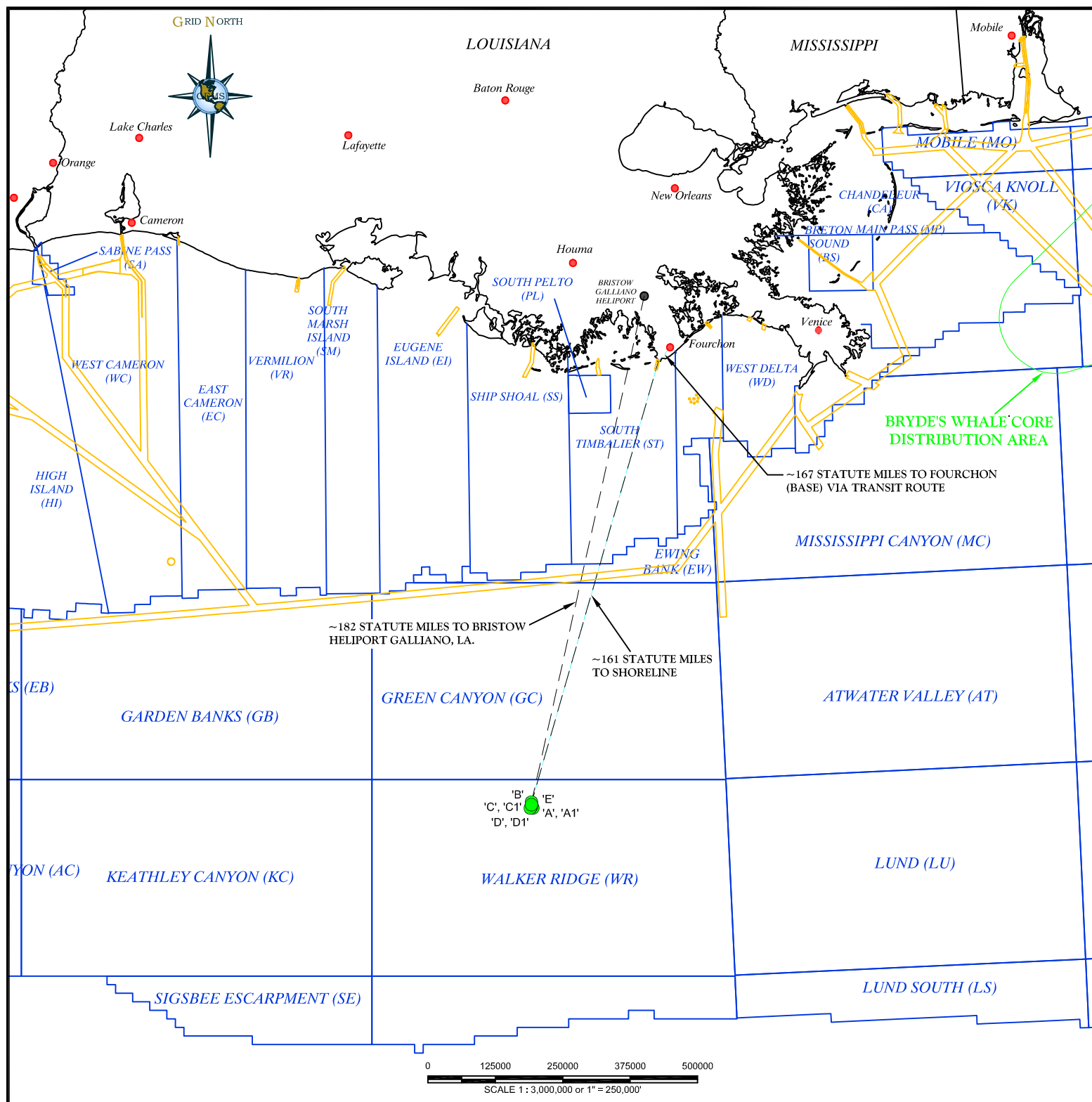
D) SOLID AND LIQUID WASTE TRANSPORTATION



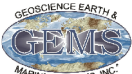
In accordance with BOEM guidance, the required data regarding the solid and liquid waste which will be transported from the site of the activities proposed herein has been incorporated into the Waste & Discharge tables which are included in the attachment(s) to the Waste & Discharge Information appendix.

E) VICINITY MAP

Enclosed as an attachment to this appendix is a vicinity map for the activities proposed herein depicting the location of same relative to the shoreline with the distance of the proposed activities from the shoreline and the primary route(s) of the support vessels and aircraft which will be used when traveling between the onshore support facilities and the proposed operations.

The vessels, supply boats, etc. utilized for the proposed activities will not transit the Bryde's/Rice whale area.



<p> PROPOSED WELL LOCATION.</p> <p> TRANSIT ROUTE.</p>	<p>DATE : 10 JANUARY 2024</p> <p>GEODETIC DATUM: NAD 1927</p> <p>ELLIPSOID: CLARKE 1866</p> <p>PROJECTION: UTM</p> <p>ZONE: 15 NORTH</p> <p>GRID UNITS: US FEET</p>	<p>PROJECT NO.: 1123-3221</p> <p>FILE NAME: 3221_VICINITYHSDWELL.DWG</p> <p>TALOS ENERGY</p> <p>PROPOSED WELLS 'A', 'A1', 'B', 'C', 'C1', 'D', 'D2' AND 'E'</p> <p>PUBLIC INFORMATION</p> <p>OCS-G-35724 AND OCS-G-36926</p> <p>BLOCKS 107 AND 151</p> <p>WALKER RIDGE AREA</p> <p>GULF OF MEXICO</p> <p> MARINE SERVICES, INC. A Geosyntec Company</p> <p>SHEET 1 OF 3</p>
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APPENDIX O
ONSHORE SUPPORT FACILITIES INFORMATION

A) GENERAL

The table below is a list of the onshore facilities that will be used to provide supply and service support for the activities proposed herein.

Name of Shorebase	Location	Existing/New/Modified
Heliport -RCL Galliano Base	Galliano, LA	Existing
Martin Terminal North	Port Fourchon, LA	Existing

B) SUPPORT BASE CONSTRUCTION OR EXPANSION

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to the activities proposed herein as Talos Petroleum will use an existing onshore base facility and will not need to expand or modify those facilities to accommodate the operations proposed herein.

C) SUPPORT BASE CONSTRUCTION OR EXPANSION TIMETABLE

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to the activities proposed herein as no land is being acquired to construct or expand an onshore support base.

D) WASTE DISPOSAL

In accordance with BOEM guidance, the required data regarding the facilities that will be used to store and dispose of any solid and liquid wastes generated by the activities proposed herein has been incorporated into the Waste & Discharge tables which are included in the attachment(s) to the Waste & Discharge Information appendix.

E) AIR EMISSIONS

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to the activities proposed herein as the air emissions information in this section is not required for plans where the activities being proposed are within the boundaries of the Gulf of Mexico Region.

F) UNUSUAL SOLID AND LIQUID WASTES

In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, this information is not applicable to the activities proposed herein as the unusual solid and liquid wastes information generated by onshore support facilities is not required for plans that propose activities that fall within the boundaries of the Gulf of Mexico Region.

APPENDIX P
COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT (CZMA) INFORMATION

- A)** Under the direction of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), the states of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas developed Coastal Zone Management Programs (CZMP) to allow for the supervision of significant land and water use activities that take place within or that could significantly impact their respective coastal zones.

Relevant enforceable policies were considered in certifying consistency for (Louisiana).

A certificate of Coastal Zone Management Consistency for each of the states listed above is enclosed as **Attachment P**.

**COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT
CONSISTENCY CERTIFICATION**

INITIAL EXPLORATION PLAN

WALKER RIDGE 107

OCS-G 35724

&

WALKER RIDGE 151

OCS-G 36926

The proposed activities described in detail in this OCS Plan comply with Louisiana's approved Coastal Management Program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with such Program.

Talos Petroleum LLC
Lessee or Operator



Certifying Official

02/13/24
Date

APPENDIX Q
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

- A)** In accordance with NTL 2008-G04, Talos Petroleum has included with this plan an Environmental Impact Analysis (EIA) prepared by J. Connor Consulting, Inc., which addresses the activities proposed herein. A copy of the EIA is included as an attachment to this appendix.

Talos Resources LLC (Talos)

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(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 ₂ S releases)	Discarded Trash & Debris
Site-specific at Offshore Location						
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)			
Vicinity of Offshore Location						
Essential fish habitat		X			X(6)	
Marine and pelagic birds					X	X
Public health and safety					(5)	
Coastal and Onshore						
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 H₂S 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		
Marine Mammals						
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 ¹	--	None	GOM
Whale, Bryde's ⁴	<i>Balaenoptera brydei/edeni</i>	E	X	--	None	Eastern GOM
Whale, Fin	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	E	X ¹	--	None	GOM
Whale, Humpback	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	E	X ¹	--	None	GOM
Whale, North Atlantic Right	<i>Eubalaena glacialis</i>	E	X ¹	--	None	GOM
Whale, Rice's ⁴	<i>Balaenoptera ricei</i>	E	X	--	None	GOM
Whale, Sei	<i>Balaenopiera borealis</i>	E	X ¹	--	None	GOM
Whale, Sperm	<i>Physeter catodon</i> (= <i>macrocephalus</i>)	E	X	--	None	GOM
Terrestrial Mammals						
Mouse, Alabama Beach	<i>Peromyscus polionotus ammobates</i>	E	-	X	Alabama beaches	Alabama beaches
Mouse, Choctawatchee Beach	<i>Peromyscus polionotus allophrys</i>	E	-	X	Florida panhandle beaches	Florida panhandle beaches
Mouse, Perdido Key Beach	<i>Peromyscus polionotus trissyllepsis</i>	E	-	X	Alabama, Florida (panhandle) beaches	Alabama, Florida (panhandle) beaches
Mouse, St. Andrew Beach	<i>Peromyscus polionotus peninsularis</i>	E	-	X	Florida panhandle beaches	Florida panhandle beaches
Jaguarundi, Gulf Coast	<i>Puma yagouaroundi cacomitli</i>	E	-	X	None	Texas
Ocelot	<i>Leopardus</i> (= <i>Felis</i>) <i>pardalis</i>	E	-	X	None	Texas

Species	Scientific Name	Status	Potential Presence		Critical Habitat Designated in the Gulf of Mexico	Gulf of Mexico Range
			Lease Area	Coastal		
Bat, Florida Bonneted	<i>Eumops floridanus</i>	E	-	X	None	Florida
Panther, Florida	<i>Puma (=Felis) concolor coryi</i>	E	-	X	None	Florida
Vole, Florida Salt Marsh	<i>Microtus pennsylvanicus dukecampbelli</i>	E	-	X	None	Florida
Deer, Key	<i>Odocoileus virginianus clavium</i>	E	-	X	None	Florida Keys
Rabbit, Lower Keys Marsh	<i>Sylvilagus palustris hefneri</i>	E	-	X	None	Florida Keys
Rat, Silver Rice	<i>Oryzomys palustris natator</i>	E	-	X	None	Florida Keys
Birds						
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
Caracara, Audubon's Crested	<i>Polyborus plancus audubonii</i>	T	-	X	None	Coastal Florida Peninsula
Curlew, Eskimo	<i>Numenius borealis</i>	E	-	X	None	Coastal Texas
Falcon, Northern Aplomado	<i>Falco femoralis septentrionalis</i>	E	-	X	None	Coastal Texas
Prairie-chicken, Attwater's Greater	<i>Tympanuchus cupido attwateri</i>	E	-	X	None	Coastal Texas
Scrub-jay, Florida	<i>Aphelocoma coerulescens</i>	T	-	X	None	Coastal Florida
Kite, Everglade Snail	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis plumbeus</i>	E	-	X	None	Coastal Southern Florida
Knot, Red	<i>Calidris canutus rufa</i>	T	-	X	None	Coastal GOM
Rail, Eastern Black	<i>Laterallus jamaicensis ssp. jamaicensis</i>	T	-	X	None	Coastal GOM
Sparrow, Cape Sable Seaside	<i>Ammodramus maritimus mirabilis</i>	E	-	X	Everglades	Coastal Florida

Species	Scientific Name	Status	Potential Presence		Critical Habitat Designated in the Gulf of Mexico	Gulf of Mexico Range
			Lease Area	Coastal		
Stork, Wood	<i>Mycteria americana</i>	T	-	X	None	Coastal Alabama and Florida
Tern, Roseate	<i>Sterna dougallii dougallii</i>	T	-	X	None	Coastal Southern Florida
Warbler, Bachman's	<i>Vermivora bachmanii</i>	E	-	X	None	Coastal Southern Florida
Woodpecker, Red-cockaded	<i>Picoides borealis</i>	E	-	X	None	Coastal Louisiana and Florida
Marine Reptiles						
Sea Turtle, Green	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	T/E ³	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
Terrestrial Reptiles						
Turtle, Alabama Red-bellied	<i>Pseudemys alabamensis</i>	E	-	X	None	Coastal Mississippi and Alabama
Crocodile, American	<i>Crocodylus acutus</i>	T	-	X	Everglades and Florida Keys	Coastal Florida
Snake, Eastern Indigo	<i>Drymarchon couperi</i>	T	-	X	None	Coastal Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida
Tortoise, Gopher	<i>Gopherus polyphemus</i>	T	-	X	None	Coastal Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama
Turtle, Ringed Map	<i>Graptemys oculifera</i>	T	-	X	None	Coastal Louisiana and Mississippi
Turtle, Yellow-blotched Map	<i>Graptemys flavimaculata</i>	T	-	X	None	Coastal Mississippi
Fish						
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>	T	X	—	None	GOM
Sawfish, Smalltooth	<i>Pristis pectinate</i>	E	-	X	None	Florida
Grouper, Nassau	<i>Epinephelus striatus</i>	T	-	X	None	Florida

Species	Scientific Name	Status	Potential Presence		Critical Habitat Designated in the Gulf of Mexico	Gulf of Mexico Range
			Lease Area	Coastal		
Ray, Giant Manta	<i>Manta birostris</i>	T	X	--	None	GOM
Sturgeon, Pallid	<i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i>	E	-	X	None	Louisiana Coastal Rivers
Corals						
Coral, Elkhorn	<i>Acopora palmate</i>	T	X ²	X	Florida	Flower Garden Banks and Florida
Coral, Staghorn	<i>Acopora cervicornis</i>	T	X	X	Florida	Florida
Coral, Boulder Star	<i>Orbicella franksi</i>	T	X	X	Flower Garden Banks and Florida	Flower Garden Banks and Florida
Coral, Lobed Star	<i>Orbicella annularis</i>	T	X	X	Flower Garden Banks and Florida	Flower Garden Banks and Florida
Coral, Mountainous Star	<i>Orbicella faveolate</i>	T	X	X	Flower Garden Banks and Florida	Flower Garden Banks and Florida
Coral, Rough Cactus	<i>Mycetophyllia ferox</i>	T	-	X	Florida	Florida and Southern Gulf of Mexico
Coral, Pillar	<i>Dendrogyra cylindrus</i>	T	-	X	Florida	Florida

Abbreviations: E = Endangered; T = Threatened

1 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.

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

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

4 The Bryde's whale, also known as the Bryde's whale complex, is a collection of baleen whales that are still being researched to determine if they are the same species or if they are individual species of whales. In 2021, the Rice's whale, formerly known as the Gulf of Mexico Bryde's whale, was determined to be a separate species. There are less than 100 Rice's whales living in the Gulf of Mexico year-round. These whales retain all the protections of the Gulf of Mexico Bryde's whale under the Endangered Species Act while the regulations are being updated to reflect the name change. Other Bryde's whales are migratory and may enter the Gulf of Mexico; however, the migratory Bryde's whales are rare or extralimital in the Gulf of Mexico and are unlikely to be present in the lease area.

(B) Analysis

Site-Specific at Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151

Proposed operations consist of the drilling of 2 wells and 3 re-spud locations in Walker Ridge Block 107 and 3 wells and 3 re-spud locations in Walker Ridge Block 151:

- Loc B
 - WR 107 #1 – Well B
 - WR 107 #1 – Well B1
 - WR 107 #1 – Well B2
- Loc E
 - WR 107 #2 – Well E
 - WR 107 #2 – Well E1
- WR 151 #1 – Well A
- WR 151 #1 – Well A1
- WR 151 #2 – Well C
- WR 151 #2 – Well C1
- WR 151 #3 – Well D
- MC151 #3 – Well D1

The operations will be conducted with a drillship or dynamically positioned semisubmersible.

There are no seismic surveys, pile driving, or pipelines making landfall associated with the operations covered by this Plan.

1. Designated Topographic Features

Potential IPFs to topographic features as a result of the proposed operations include physical disturbances to the seafloor, effluents, and accidents.

Physical disturbances to the seafloor: Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 are 84 miles from the closest designated Topographic Features Stipulation Block (Ewing Bank); therefore, no adverse impacts are expected. Additionally, a drillship or dynamically positioned semisubmersible is being used for the proposed activities; therefore, only an insignificant amount of seafloor will be disturbed.

Effluents: Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 are 84 miles from the closest designated Topographic Features Stipulation Block (Ewing 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 these blocks from a topographic area. The activities proposed in this plan will be covered by Talos'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 sub-surface 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 these blocks from a topographic area and the coverage of the activities proposed in this plan by Talos'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 treatment or disposal) from the proposed operations that are likely to impact topographic features.

2. Pinnacle Trend Area Live Bottoms

Potential IPFs to pinnacle trend area live bottoms from the proposed operations include physical disturbances to the seafloor, emissions (noise / sound), effluents, and accidents.

Physical disturbances to the seafloor: Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 are 224 miles from the closest live bottom (pinnacle trend) area; therefore, no adverse impacts are expected. Additionally, a drillship or dynamically positioned semisubmersible 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, Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 are 224 miles from the closest live bottom (pinnacle trend) area; therefore, no adverse impacts are expected.

Effluents: Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 are 224 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 these blocks from a live bottom (pinnacle trend) area and the coverage of the activities proposed in this plan by Talos'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 treatment or disposal) from the proposed activities that are likely to impact a live bottom (pinnacle trend) area.

3. Eastern Gulf Live Bottoms

Potential IPFs on Eastern Gulf live bottoms from the proposed operations include physical disturbances to the seafloor, emissions (noise / sound), effluents, and accidents.

Physical disturbances to the seafloor: Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 are 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 dynamically positioned semisubmersible 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, Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 are not located in an area characterized by the existence of live bottoms; therefore, no adverse impacts are expected.

Effluents: Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 are 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 these blocks from a live bottom area and coverage of the activities proposed in this plan by Talos'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 treatment or disposal) from the proposed operations that are likely to impact an Eastern Gulf live bottom area.

4. Deepwater Benthic Communities

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

Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 are located in water depths of 984 feet (300 meters) or greater. At such depth high-density, deepwater benthic communities may sometimes be found. However, Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 are approximately 35 miles from a known deepwater benthic community site (Green Canyon Block 866), listed in NTL 2009-G40. Additionally, a drillship or dynamically positioned semisubmersible 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 dynamically positioned semisubmersible, Talos's proposed operations in Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 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

Potential IPFs that could result in water quality degradation from the proposed operations in Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 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 dynamically

positioned semisubmersible 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: IPFs 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. Chemical 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 barrels, while large chemical spills occurred at an average annual volume of 758 barrels. 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 barrels) 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 ($\geq 1,000$ barrels), 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 operations proposed in this plan will be covered by Talos'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 treatment or disposal) from the proposed operations 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. Potential IPFs to fisheries as a result of the proposed operations in Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 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 dynamically positioned semisubmersible 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 fishes 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 fishes 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 fishes 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 fishes 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 fishes and invertebrates are 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 fishes 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 fishes and invertebrate resources. The overall impact to fishes 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 expected to have 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) and report all incidents to takereport.nmfs@noaa.gov. After making the appropriate notifications, Talos 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. 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.

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 Talos's Regional OSRP (refer to information submitted in **Appendix H**).

There are no other IPFs (including wastes sent to shore for treatment or disposal) from the proposed operations 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 Rice's whale (née Gulf of Mexico 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 Rice's whale can be found in **Item 20.1** below. Potential IPFs to marine mammals as a result of the proposed operations in Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 include emissions (noise / sound), effluents, discarded trash and debris, and accidents.

Emissions (noise / sound): Noises from drilling activities, support vessels and helicopters (i.e., non-impulsive 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 Rice'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 Rice'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).

Talos 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. Talos 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 Talos 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.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.

These proposed operations may utilize a moon pool(s) to conduct various subsea activities. Talos'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, Talos will cease operations and contact NMFS at nmfs.psoreview@noaa.gov and BSEE at 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 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 Talos'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 Talos'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

There are no other IPFs (including physical disturbances to the seafloor) from the proposed operations 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; Lohoefer 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**. Potential IPFs 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., non-impulsive 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).

Talos 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. Talos 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 Talos 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 (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. 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.

These proposed operations may utilize a moon pool(s) to conduct various subsea activities. Talos'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, Talos will cease operations and contact NMFS at nmfs.psoreview@noaa.gov and BSEE at 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 Talos'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 and 352-283-3370 (cell); or
- Stacy Hargrove at stacy.hargrove@noaa.gov and 305-781-7453 (cell)

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

9. Air Quality

Potential IPFs 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. Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 are beyond the 200-kilometer (124 mile) buffer for the Breton Wilderness Area and are 161 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 should not impact onshore air quality because of the prevailing atmospheric conditions, emission height, emission rates, and the distance of Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 from the coastline.

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

10. Shipwreck Sites (known or potential)

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

Potential IPFs to known or unknown shipwreck sites as a result of the proposed operations in Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 include physical disturbances to the seafloor and accidents.

Physical disturbances to the seafloor: A drillship or dynamically positioned semisubmersible 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 dynamically positioned semisubmersible, Talos's proposed operations in Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 are not likely to impact shipwreck sites.

Additionally, Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 are not located in or adjacent to an OCS block designated by BOEM as having a high probability for occurrence of shipwrecks. Should Talos 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.

Accidents: An accidental oil spill has the potential to cause some detrimental effects to shipwreck 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 Talos's Regional Oil Spill Response Plan (refer to information submitted in accordance with **Appendix H**).

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

11. Prehistoric Archaeological Sites

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

Potential IPFs to prehistoric archaeological sites as a result of the proposed operations in Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 include disturbances to the seafloor and accidents. Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 are located outside the Archaeological Prehistoric high probability line, therefore, no adverse impacts are expected. Should Talos discover any object 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 that cultural resource.

Physical disturbances to the seafloor: A drillship or dynamically positioned semisubmersible 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 dynamically positioned semisubmersible, Talos's proposed operations in Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 are not likely to cause impacts to prehistoric archaeological sites.

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 Talos's Regional Oil Spill Response Plan (refer to information submitted in accordance with **Appendix H**).

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

Vicinity of Offshore Location

12. Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)

Potential IPFs to EFH as a result of the proposed operations in Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 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. Additionally, a drillship or dynamically positioned semisubmersible is being used for the proposed activities; therefore, only an insignificant amount of seafloor will be disturbed. Therefore, the bottom disturbing activities from the proposed operations would 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 Talos's Regional OSRP (refer to information submitted in **Appendix H**).

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

13. Marine and Pelagic Birds

Potential IPFs to 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 (USDOI, FWS, 2011). However, the use of explosive severance of facilities for decommissioning are not included in these proposed operations, therefore 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 actually be affected to that extent. The activities proposed in this plan will be covered by Talos'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).

Talos 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. Talos 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 Talos 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, and wastes sent to shore for treatment or disposal) from the proposed operations that are likely to impact marine and pelagic birds.

14. Public Health and Safety Due to Accidents.

There are no IPFs (including emissions, effluents, physical disturbances to the seafloor, wastes sent to shore for treatment or disposal, and accidents, including an accidental H₂S release) from the proposed activities that are likely to impact 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 operations be classified by BSEE as H₂S absent.

Coastal and Onshore

15. Beaches

Potential IPFs to beaches from the proposed operations 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 (161 miles) and the response capabilities that would be implemented, no significant adverse impacts are expected. The operations proposed in this plan will be covered by Talos'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).

Talos 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. Talos 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 Talos 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 (including emissions, effluents, physical disturbances to the seafloor, and wastes sent to shore for treatment or disposal) from the proposed operations that are likely to impact beaches.

16. Wetlands

Potential IPFs to wetlands from the proposed operations 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 (161 miles) and the response capabilities that would be implemented, no impacts are expected. The operations proposed in this plan will be covered by Talos’s Regional OSRP (refer to information submitted in **Appendix H**).

Discarded trash and 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).

Talos 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. Talos 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 Talos 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 (including emissions, effluents, physical disturbances to the seafloor, and wastes sent to shore for treatment or disposal) from the proposed operations that are likely to impact wetlands.

17. Shore Birds and Coastal Nesting Birds

Potential IPFs 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 (161 miles) and the response capabilities that would be implemented, no impacts are expected. The operations proposed in this plan will be covered by Talos’s Regional OSRP (refer to information submitted in **Appendix H**).

Discarded trash and debris: Shore birds and coastal nesting 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).

Talos 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. Talos 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 Talos 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 (including emissions, effluents, physical disturbances to the seafloor, and wastes sent to shore for treatment or disposal) from the proposed operations that are likely to impact shore birds and coastal nesting birds.

18. Coastal Wildlife Refuges

Potential IPFs 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 (161 miles) and the response capabilities that would be implemented, no impacts are expected. The operations proposed in this plan will be covered by Talos’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).

Talos 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. Talos 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 Talos 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 (including emissions, effluents, physical disturbances to the seafloor, and wastes sent to shore for treatment or disposal) from the proposed operations that are likely to impact coastal wildlife refuges.

19. Wilderness Areas

Potential IPFs 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 operations (refer to **Item 5**, Water Quality). Due to the distance from the nearest designated Wilderness Area (209 miles) and the response capabilities that would be implemented, no significant adverse impacts are expected. The operations proposed in this plan will be covered by Talos'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).

Talos 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. Talos 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 Talos 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 (including emissions, effluents, physical disturbances to the seafloor, and wastes sent to shore for treatment or disposal) from the proposed operations that are likely to impact wilderness areas.

20. Other Environmental Resources Identified

20.1 – Rice’s Whale (née Gulf of Mexico Bryde’s Whale)

The Bryde’s whale, also known as the Bryde’s whale complex, is a collection of baleen whales that are still being researched to determine if they are the same species or if they are individual species of whales. In 2021, the Rice’s whale, formerly known as the Gulf of Mexico Bryde’s whale, was determined to be a separate species from other Bryde’s whales. There are less than 100 Rice’s whales living in the Gulf of Mexico year-round. These whales retain all the protections of the Gulf of Mexico Bryde’s whale under the Endangered Species Act while the regulations are being updated to reflect the name change.

The Rice’s whale (née Gulf of Mexico 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 Rice’s whale area is over 230 miles from the proposed operations. Additionally, vessel traffic associated with the proposed operations will not flow through the Rice’s whale area. Therefore, there are no IPFs from the proposed operations that are likely to impact the Rice’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 to the Gulf sturgeon from the proposed operations include accidents, emissions (noise / sound), and discarded trash and debris. Additional information on ESA-listed fish 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) and report all incidents to takereport.nmfs@noaa.gov. After making the appropriate notifications, Talos 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. 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.

Due to the distance from the nearest identified Gulf sturgeon critical habitat (222 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 operations proposed in this plan will be covered by Talos'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).

Talos 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. Talos 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 Talos 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 (including effluents, physical disturbances to the seafloor, and wastes sent to shore for treatment or disposal) from the proposed operations 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. Potential IPFs to oceanic whitetip sharks as a result of the proposed operations in Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 include accidents. Additional information on ESA-listed fish 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) and report all incidents to takereport.nmfs@noaa.gov. After making the appropriate notifications, Talos 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. 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.

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 operations proposed in this plan will be covered by Talos'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).

Talos 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. Talos 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 Talos 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 (including effluents, physical disturbances to the seafloor, and wastes sent to shore for treatment or disposal) from the proposed operations 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. Potential IPFs to giant manta rays as a result of the proposed operations in Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 include accidents. Additional information on ESA-listed fish 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) and report all incidents to takereport.nmfs@noaa.gov. After making the appropriate notifications, Talos 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. 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.

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 (95 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 operations proposed in this plan will be covered by Talos'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).

Talos 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. Talos 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 Talos 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 (including effluents, physical disturbances to the seafloor, and wastes sent to shore for disposal) from the proposed operations that are likely to impact giant manta rays.

20.5 – Loggerhead Sea Turtle

The loggerhead sea turtles 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. Winter areas, breeding areas, and constricted migratory corridors are not located in the planning area.

There are multiple IPFs that may impact loggerhead sea turtles (see **Item 8**). However, the closest loggerhead nearshore reproductive critical habitat is located 270 miles from Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151; therefore, no adverse impacts are expected. 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, including designated critical habitats, are noncontiguous and occur in the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary and Florida. Five banks in the Flower Garden

Banks National Marine Sanctuary have been designated as critical habitats for boulder star (*Orbicella franksi*), lobed star (*Orbicella annularis*), and mountainous star (*Orbicella faveolate*) corals. Elkhorn coral can also be found in the Flower Garden Banks, though the area is not a designated critical habitat for this coral. Various coastal counties in Florida are also designated as critical habitats for protected coral species. These coral habitats are located outside of the planning area and are not expected to be impacted by the proposed actions. The following table comprehensively details the designated critical habitat for each protected coral species in the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary and Florida.

Protected Corals							
	Elkhorn Coral <i>Acopora palmate</i>	Staghorn Coral <i>Acopora cervicornis</i>	Boulder Star Coral <i>Orbicella franksi</i>	Lobed Star Coral <i>Orbicella annularis</i>	Mountainous Star Coral <i>Orbicella faveolate</i>	Rough Cactus Coral <i>Mycetophyllia ferox</i>	Pillar Coral <i>Dendrogyra cylindrus</i>
Designated Critical Habitat	Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary						
	East Flower Garden Bank		X	X	X		
	West Flower Garden Bank		X	X	X		
	Rankin Bank		X	X	X		
	Rankin Bank		X	X	X		
	Geyer Bank		X	X	X		
	McGrail Bank		X	X	X		
	Florida (outside of planning area)						
	Martin County				X		
	Palm Beach County	X	X	X	X		X
	Broward County	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Miami-Dade County	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Monroe County	X	X	X	X	X	X

Potential IPFs to protected corals from the proposed operations include accidents.

Accidents: It is unlikely that an accidental surface or subsurface spill would occur from the proposed operations (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 National Marine Sanctuary (95 miles) and other critical coral habitats, no adverse impacts are expected. The

operations proposed in this plan will be covered by Talos'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 operations 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 Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 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 operations 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 operations 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 their location in the Gulf, Walker Ridge Blocks 107 / 151 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 operations 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 operations. Therefore, a list of such entities has not been provided.

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APPENDIX R
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

A) EXEMPTED INFORMATION DESCRIPTION

The bottom-hole location of the well has been removed from the public information copy of the EP as well as any discussions of the target objectives, geologic or geophysical data, and any interpreted geology.

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- BOEM Notice to Lessees No. 2015-N01 "Information Requirements for Exploration Plans, Development and Production Plans, and Development Operations Coordination Documents on the OCS for Worst Case Discharge and Blowout Scenarios"
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