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BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Gulf of America OCS Region
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New Orleans, LA 70123-2394

In Reply Refer To: GM 235D

May 16, 2025

Ms. Erin R. Harold
Talos QN Exploration LLC
333 Clay Street, Suite 3300
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Ms. Harold,

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No.	S-8185
Type	Supplemental Exploration Plan
Received	January 24, 2025, amended February 12, and modified April 17, 2025
Lease(s)	OCS-G 27278, Block 519, Mississippi Canyon Area (MC)

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of May 16, 2025, in accordance with 30 CFR 550.233(b)(1).

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

Drilling permits cannot be issued for the proposed wells until concurrence with your coastal zone management consistency certification has been received by this office from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management or until concurrence with the certification has been conclusively presumed.

In accordance with 30 CFR 556.901(d), additional security may be required for your proposed activities. Prior to conducting activities in which you need to obtain approvals and/or permits described in 30 CFR 550.281(a) from the appropriate District Manager or BSEE Regional Supervisor, you must contact BOEM Risk Management Operations Section by email at boemrmos@boem.gov to determine if additional security is required and comply with any demand for this security.

In response to the request accompanying your plan for a hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) classification, the area in which the proposed drilling operations are to be conducted is hereby classified, in accordance with 30 CFR 250.490(c), as "H₂S absent."

Exercise caution while drilling due to indications of shallow gas, faulting, and possible water flow.

Our review indicates that there are active pipelines in the vicinity of Wells A and A-Alt that may pose a hazard to your proposed operations. Therefore, take precautions in

accordance with Notice to Lessees and Operators No. 2022-G01, Section V., prior to performing operations.

The Endangered Species Act (ESA, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 et seq.) is designed to protect threatened and endangered species and applies to activities authorized under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. §§ 1331 et seq.). BOEM, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) consulted on oil and gas program activities in the Gulf of America and NMFS issued a 2020 Biological Opinion and 2021 Amended Incidental Take Statement that include required mitigations. Conditions of Approval (COA) derived from this consultation ensure ESA compliance.

ESA consultation documents and required mitigations covering oil and gas activities in the Gulf of America, can be found here: <https://www.boem.gov/regions/gulf-america-ocs-region/oil-and-gas-esa-consultations-and-guidance><https://www.boem.gov/regions/gulf-mexico-ocs-region/oil-and-gas-esa-consultations-and-guidance>. You must comply with the protective measures for all activities conducted pursuant to the plan. Activities conducted in association with the subject approval must adhere to these COAs, including all reporting requirements therein.

The following species protective measures found in the link (<https://www.boem.gov/oil-gas-energy/gom-o-g-esa-coas>) are applicable for your proposed activities. The numbering below corresponds to the numbering found in the linked document entitled *Gulf of Mexico Oil and Gas Endangered Species Act Conditions of Approval*:

1. Compliance with Biological Opinion Terms and Conditions and Reasonable and Prudent Measures
2. Notification of Intention to Transit Rice's Whale Area Condition of Approval (COA)
3. Seismic Survey Operation, Monitoring, and Reporting Guidelines
4. Marine Trash and Debris Awareness and Elimination
5. Vessel-strike Avoidance/Reporting
7. Sea Turtle Resuscitation Guidelines
8. Slack-line Precautions Condition of Approval (COA)
9. Moon Pool Monitoring Condition of Approval (COA)
10. Reporting Requirements Condition of Approval (COA)

These measures are designed to promote environmental protection, consistent environmental policy, compliance with environmental laws, and safety.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this approval, please contact Tehirah Barkum at (504) 736-7504 or Tehirah.barkum@boem.gov.

Sincerely,

for Bernadette Thomas
Regional Supervisor
Office of Leasing and Plans