



# United States Department of the Interior

## MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE

Gulf of Mexico OCS Region  
1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394



In Reply Refer To: MS 5231

December 20, 2004

Ms. L. Susan Hathcock  
Anadarko Petroleum Corporation  
Post Office Box 1330  
Houston, Texas 77251-1330

Dear Ms. Hathcock:

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No. N-08236  
Type Initial Exploration Plan  
Received October 18, 2004, amended October 25, 2004  
Lease(s) OCS-G 23462, Block 94, Lloyd Ridge Area  
OCS-G 23463, Block 95, Lloyd Ridge Area

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of December 8, 2004, in accordance with 30 CFR 250.203(i)(1).

This approval includes the activities proposed for Lease OCS-G 23462, Wells A, B, and C, and Lease OCS-G 23463, Wells A, B, and C.

Drilling permits cannot be issued for the proposed wells until concurrences with your coastal zone management consistency certifications have been received by this office from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management or until concurrences with these certifications have been conclusively presumed.

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

In response to the request accompanying your plan for a hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) classification, the area in which the proposed drilling operations are to be conducted is hereby classified, in accordance with 30 CFR 250.417(c), as "H<sub>2</sub>S absent."

In accordance with Notice to Lessees and Operators No. 2003-G03, the Minerals Management Service has determined that you will not need to conduct the two Remotely Operated Vehicle surveys you proposed in your plan.

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If you have any questions or comments concerning this approval, please contact Michelle Griffitt at (504)736-2975.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Howard', with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

Donald C. Howard  
Regional Supervisor  
Field Operations