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In Reply Refer To: MS 5231

January 19, 2005

Mr. Steve Partain
Pogo Producing Company
5 Greenway Plaza, Suite 2700
Houston, Texas 77046-0504

Dear Mr. Partain:

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No.	R-04111
Type	Revised Exploration Plan
Received	December 29, 2004, amended January 6, 2005
Lease(s)	OCS-G 26221, Block 906, Ewing Bank Area OCS-G 26227, Block 950, Ewing Bank Area

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of January 11, 2005, in accordance with 30 CFR 250.203(i)(1).

This approval includes the activities proposed for revision of Subsea Well No. 001.

Exercise caution while drilling due to indications of shallow gas.

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."

Our review indicates that there are pipelines in the vicinity of Subsea Well No. 001 that may pose a hazard due to anchoring activities associated with your proposed operations. If any of these activities will take place within 150-meters (490-feet) of the potential hazards, take precautions in accordance with Notice to Lessees and Operators No. 98-20, Section IV.B, prior to performing operations.

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

Sincerely,

Donald C. Howard
Regional Supervisor
Field Operations

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