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In Reply Refer To: MS 5231

July 18, 2005

Mr. Roger Souders
Noble Energy, Inc.
100 Glenborough Drive
Suite 100
Houston, Texas 77067

Dear Ms. Souders:

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No. S-06677
Type Supplemental Development Operations Coordination Document
Received May 5, 2005
Lease(s) OCS-G 10878, Block 57, West Delta Area

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of July 11, 2005, in accordance with 30 CFR 250.204(1)(1).

This approval includes the activities proposed for Well and Caisson No. 2.

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."

If you have any questions or comments concerning this approval, please contact Robert Stringfellow at (504) 736-2437.

Sincerely,

Michael Tolbert
for Donald C. Howard
Regional Supervisor
Field Operations

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