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In Reply Refer To: MS 5231

July 18, 2005

Ms. Sunna Denny  
Newfield Exploration Company  
363 North Sam Houston Parkway E.  
Suite 2020  
Houston, Texas 77060

Dear Ms. Denny:

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No.	N-08465
Type	Initial Exploration Plan
Received	June 15, 2005
Lease(s)	OCS-G 26025, Block 153, Eugene Island 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 250.203(i)(1).

This approval includes the activities proposed for Wells and Well Protectors A and B.

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 250.490(c), as "H<sub>2</sub>S absent."

If you have any questions or comments concerning this approval, please contact Karen Dunlap at (504) 736-2535.

Sincerely,

  
✓ Donald C. Howard  
Regional Supervisor  
Field Operations

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