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In Reply Refer To: MS 5231

July 19, 2005

Mr. Thomas Becnel
Spinnaker Exploration Company, L.L.C.
1200 Smith Street
Suite 800
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mr. Becnel:

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No.	N-08445
Type	Initial Exploration Plan
Received	May 26, 2005, amended June 20 and 22, 2005
Lease(s)	OCS-G 22163, Block 783, Mustang Island Area

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of July 13, 2005, in accordance with 30 CFR 250.203(i)(1).

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

Exercise caution while drilling due to indications of possible 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 Elmo Cooper at (504) 731-7810.

Sincerely,

for Donald C. Howard
Regional Supervisor
Field Operations

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