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MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE

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



In Reply Refer To: MS 5231

July 20, 2005

Ms. Debra K. Benoit
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131 South Robertson Street
Post Office Box 61780
New Orleans, Louisiana 70161-1780

Dear Ms. Benoit:

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No.	S-06693
Type	Supplemental Exploration Plan
Received	June 1, 2005, amended June 6, 2005
Lease(s)	OCS-G 21791, Block 339, Green Canyon Area

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of July 14, 2005, in accordance with 30 CFR 250.203(i)(1).

This approval includes the activities proposed for Wells O and P.

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

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."

In accordance with Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL) 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.

Our review indicates that there are pipelines in the vicinity of Wells O and P 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 NTL No. 98-20, Section IV.B, prior to performing operations.


Within 15 days after the proposed wells are completed and logged, submit a revision to your plan consisting of the information required for a Conservation Information Document in accordance with NTL 2000-N05.

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

Sincerely,


for Donald C. Howard
Regional Supervisor
Field Operations