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Gulf of America OCS Region
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In Reply Refer To: GM 235D

February 20, 2026

Ms. Jill Wiederhold
Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
1201 Lake Robbins Drive
The Woodlands, Texas 77380

Dear Ms. Wiederhold,

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No. N-10264
Type Initial Exploration Plan
Received November 13, 2025, amended November 21 and December 16, 2025, and amended January 7, 2026
Lease(s) OCS-G 21374, Block 641, East Breaks Area (EB)
OCS-G 37127, Block 685, East Breaks Area (EB)
OCS-G 37128, Block 686, East Breaks Area (EB)

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of February 20, 2026, in accordance with 30 CFR 550.233(b)(1).

This approval includes the activities proposed for the Subsea Wells listed below:

| Well Name | Area & Block | Lease |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|
| A | EB 641 | OCS-G 21374 |
| AA | EB 641 | OCS-G 21374 |
| AAA | EB 641 | OCS-G 21374 |
| A | EB 685 | OCS-G 37127 |
| AA | EB 685 | OCS-G 37127 |
| AAA | EB 685 | OCS-G 37127 |
| AAAA | EB 685 | OCS-G 37127 |
| AAAAA | EB 685 | OCS-G 37127 |
| B | EB 685 | OCS-G 37127 |
| BB | EB 685 | OCS-G 37127 |
| C | EB 685 | OCS-G 37127 |
| CC | EB 685 | OCS-G 37127 |
| B | EB 686 | OCS-G 37128 |
| BB | EB 686 | OCS-G 37128 |
| BBB | EB 686 | OCS-G 37128 |

Drilling permits cannot be issued for the proposed wells until concurrence with your coastal zone management consistency certification has been received by this office from the Louisiana Department of Conservation and Energy or until concurrence with the certification has been conclusively presumed.

In accordance with 30 CFR 556.901(d), additional security may be required for your proposed activities. Prior to conducting activities in which you need to obtain approvals and/or permits described in 30 CFR 550.281(a) from the appropriate District Manager or BSEE Regional Supervisor, you must contact BOEM Risk Management Operations Section by email at boemrmos@boem.gov to determine if additional security is required and comply with any demand for this security.

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 above 12,260' True Vertical Depth Subsea (TVDS) is hereby classified, in accordance with 30 CFR 250.490(c), as H₂S absent. However, the area in which the proposed drilling operations are to be conducted below 12,260' TVDS is hereby classified, in accordance with 30 CFR 250.490(c), as H₂S unknown. Accordingly, comply with the appropriate requirements of 30 CFR 250.490.

Exercise caution while drilling due to indications of shallow faulting and possible shallow water flow.

The Endangered Species Act (ESA, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 et seq.) is designed to protect threatened and endangered species and applies to activities authorized under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. §§ 1331 et seq.). BOEM, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) consulted on oil and gas program activities in the Gulf of America and NMFS issued a 2025 Biological Opinion and associated Attachments and Appendices that include required mitigations. Conditions of Approval (COA) derived from this consultation ensure ESA compliance.

ESA consultation documents and required mitigations covering oil and gas activities in the Gulf of America, can be found here: <https://www.boem.gov/regions/gulf-america-ocs-region/oil-and-gas-esa-consultations-and-protocols>. You must comply with the protective measures for all activities conducted pursuant to the plan. Activities conducted in association with the subject approval must adhere to these COAs, including all reporting requirements therein.

The following species protective measures found in the link (<https://www.boem.gov/oil-gas-energy/2025-nmfs-biop-protocolspdf>) are applicable for your proposed activities. The numbering below corresponds to the numbering found in the linked document entitled *Endangered Species Act Protocols per the 2025 Biological and Conference Opinion on the Federally Regulated Oil and Gas Program in the Gulf of America*:

- A.0 Compliance with Biological Opinion Terms and Conditions and Reasonable and Prudent Measures
- A.2 Marine Debris Protocol
- A.3 Vessel Strike Avoidance and Injured and/or Dead Aquatic Protected Species Reporting Protocols
- A.4 In-water Line Precaution Protocol
- A.5 Moon Pool Monitoring Protocol
- A.6 Vessel Transit within the Rice's Whale Area as identified in the 2020 Biological Opinion's Reasonable and Prudent Alternative (2020 RWA)
- A.7 Sea Turtle Resuscitation Guidelines Protocol

These measures are designed to promote environmental protection, consistent environmental policy, compliance with environmental laws, and safety.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this approval, please contact Tehirah Barkum at (504) 736-7504 or Tehirah.barkum@boem.gov.

Sincerely,

for Bernadette Thomas
Regional Supervisor
Office of Leasing and Plans