



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

New Orleans Office
1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard
New Orleans, LA 70123-2394

In Reply Refer To: Bond No. 104069212

June 30, 2025

Newfield Exploration Company
c/o Lockton Companies
3657 Briarpark Drive, Suite 700
Houston, TX 77042
Attn: Teresa D. Kelly

Dear Ms. Kelly:

Your letter dated June 25, 2025, requesting cancellation of Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lessee's and Operator's Bond No. 104069212, in the amount of \$3,000,000, was received by our office on that same date. This bond, conditioned to cover the principal's leasehold interest held now or hereafter in the Gulf of America, was executed on April 17, 2003, with Newfield Exploration Company as principal and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America as surety.

We are unable to grant your request at this time due to an objection from the Risk Management Operations Section (RMOS). You may contact RMOS for details at BOEMRMOS@boem.gov.

If you require further assistance, please contact Kathleen Lee at (504) 736-5774 or boemgulffinancialassurance@boem.gov.

Sincerely,

**BRIDGETTE
DUPLANTIS** Digitally signed by
BRIDGETTE DUPLANTIS
Date: 2025.06.30
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Bridgette Duplantis, Section Supervisor
Leasing and Financial Responsibility Section
Leasing and Plans

cc: Dedee Kelly (dkelly@lockton.com)
Virginia Caruso (VCARUSO@travelers.com)
Lynn Yeik (lvnn.veik@ovintiv.com)



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**Leasing & Financial
Responsibility Section**

Dedee Kelly
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June 25, 2025

BY EMAIL

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management - Gulf of Mexico OCS Region
Attn: Kathleen Lee, Program Analyst
1201 Elmwood Park Blvd
New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394

RE: **Principal:** Newfield Exploration Company – Company No. 01364
Description: \$3,000,000 OCS Mineral Lessee's and Operator's Bond
(Gulf of Mexico Area Wide)
Bond No.: 104069212
Surety: Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America

Dear Kathleen:

Further to termination of liability letter dated 10/19/2016, we ask that you now provide us with your letter confirming the full cancellation of the referenced bond.

We ask that you forward your cancellation letter directly to the surety, principal and broker as noted below.

Lockton Companies Dedee Kelly 3657 Briarpark Drive #700 Houston, TX 77042 (713) 458-5238 dkelly@lockton.com	Virginia Caruso Travelers Commercial Surety 4650 Westway Park Blvd Houston, TX 77041 (281) 606-8402 VCARUSO@travelers.com	Lynn Yeik Ovintiv USA Inc. 500 Centre Street SE, PO Box 2850 Calgary, ALB T2P2S5 (403) 645-4261 lynn.yeik@ovintiv.com
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Should you require any adjustments to this letter or need anything additional, please feel free to contact me directly.

Kindest Regards,

Teresa D. Kelly
Vice President; Account Executive-Surety
Attorney-in-Fact, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America





Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company

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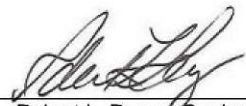
KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and that the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint **TERESA D KELLY** of **HOUSTON, Texas**, their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact to sign, execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, recognizances, conditional undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed, and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this **21st** day of **April, 2021**.



State of Connecticut

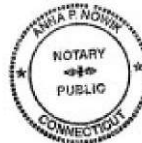
City of Hartford ss.

By: 
Robert L. Raney, Senior Vice President

On this the **21st** day of **April, 2021**, before me personally appeared **Robert L. Raney**, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of each of the Companies, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of said Companies by himself as a duly authorized officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My Commission expires the **30th** day of **June, 2026**




Anna P. Nowik, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of each of the Companies, which resolutions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to act for and on behalf of the Company and may give such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors at any time may remove any such appointee and revoke the power given him or her; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary; and it is

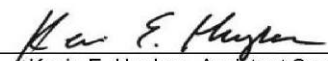
FURTHER RESOLVED, that any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary; or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of each of the following officers: President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding on the Company in the future with respect to any bond or understanding to which it is attached.

I, **Kevin E. Hughes**, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of each of the Companies, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which remains in full force and effect.

Dated this **25th** day of **June, 2025**




Kevin E. Hughes, Assistant Secretary

To verify the authenticity of this Power of Attorney, please call us at 1-800-421-3880.
Please refer to the above-named Attorney(s)-in-Fact and the details of the bond to which this Power of Attorney is attached.