



# United States Department of the Interior

## BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

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In Reply Refer To: GM 235D

February 19, 2019

Mr. Paul Rodriguez  
Walter Oil & Gas Corporation  
1100 Louisiana  
Suite 200  
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mr. Rodriguez,

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No.	S-07920
Type	Supplemental Exploration Plan
Received	November 6, 2018, amended November 15 and 27, and December 3 and 6, 2018
Lease(s)	OCS-G 27982, Block 834, Ewing Bank Area (EW) OCS-G 35960, Block 833, Ewing Bank Area (EW)

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of February 19, 2019, in accordance with 30 CFR 550.233(b)(1).

This approval includes the activities proposed for Subsea Well A in EW Block 834.

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 Group by email at [boermog@boem.gov](mailto:boermog@boem.gov) to determine if additional security is required and comply with any demand for this security.

The projected NO<sub>x</sub> emissions amounts in your plan were calculated using historic fuel consumption rates. Maintain monthly records of the total annual fuel consumption for the drilling rig prime movers with a limit of 2,271,245 gallons/year for year 2019 and provide the information to the BOEM Regional Supervisor, Office of Leasing and Plans, Plans Section (GM 235D) annually by February 1st of each year, beginning in the year 2020. If no activities were conducted during a calendar year, provide a statement to that effect in lieu of the required records. If at any time during your activities these records indicate that your NO<sub>x</sub> annual emissions may exceed the annual limit approved in your plan or the total annual fuel consumption limit, you must immediately prepare a revised plan pursuant to 30 CFR 550.283 to include the recalculated emissions amounts. You will not proceed with the actions that could cause the potential annual increase in emissions until the revised plan has been submitted to and approved by BOEM.

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."

Exercise caution while drilling due to indications of bright spots in the deep section, below the overhang of diapiric salt. Deep subsalt bright spots may indicate truncations against disturbed areas in the rubble zone around salt.

You must comply with the following species protective measures in all activities conducted pursuant to the plan:

- BOEM Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL) No. 2016-G01, "Vessel Strike Avoidance and Injured/Dead Protected Species Reporting" (available at <http://www.boem.gov/BOEM-NTL-No-2016-G01/>);
- BOEM NTL No. 2016-G02, "Implementation of Seismic Survey Mitigation Measures and Protected Species Observer Program" (available at <http://www.boem.gov/BOEM-NTL-2016-G02/>); and
- BSEE NTL No. 2015-G03, "Marine Trash and Debris Awareness and Elimination" (available at <https://www.bsee.gov/sites/bsee.gov/files/notices-to-lessees-ntl/alerts/ntl-2015-g03.pdf>).

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 Chiquita Hill at (504)736-2668.

Sincerely,

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Office of Leasing and Plans