



# United States Department of the Interior

## BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

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In Reply Refer To: GM 235D

April 12, 2019

Ms. Brittany K. Gill  
Hess Corporation  
1501 McKinney Street  
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Houston, Texas 77010

Dear Ms. Gill,

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No.	S-7927
Type	Supplemental Exploration Plan
Received	November 29, 2018, amended December 10 and 17, 2018, February 6 and 11, and March 1, 2019
Lease(s)	OCS-G 26313, Block 468, Green Canyon Area (GC) OCS-G 26315, Block 512, Green Canyon Area (GC) OCS-G 34551, Block 511, Green Canyon Area (GC)

The Minerals Management Service, Green Canyon Block 512 Unit Agreement Number is 754315007.

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of April 12, 2019, in accordance with 30 CFR 550.233(b) (1).

This approval includes the proposed activities for Subsea Wells WI5, WI8, P7, and P8 in GC Block 512; Subsea Well WI7 in GC Block 511; and Subsea Well WI6 in GC Block 468.

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 [boemrmog@boem.gov](mailto:boemrmog@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 only with a limit of 6,659,425 gallons/year 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 abnormal pressure zones.

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 Leslie Wilson at (504)736-2588.

Sincerely,

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