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New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394



In Reply Refer To: MS 5231

February 9, 2005

Mr. Jay C. Cooke
Helis Oil & Gas Company, L.L.C.
228 St. Charles Avenue
Suite 912
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

Dear Mr. Cooke:

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No.	S-06590
Type	Supplemental Exploration Plan
Received	December 28, 2004, amended January 11, 2005
Lease(s)	OCS-G 21601, Block 319, Vermilion Area

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of February 2, 2005, in accordance with 30 CFR 250.203(i)(1).

This approval includes the activities proposed for Well C.

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."

If you have any questions or comments concerning this approval, please contact Karen Dunlap at (504) 736-2535.

Sincerely,

Donald C. Howard
Regional Supervisor
Field Operations

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