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In Reply Refer To: MS 5231

February 24, 2005

Mr. J. Kelley Erisman
Seneca Resources Corporation
1201 Louisiana Street
Suite 400
Houston, Texas 77002-5604

Dear Mr. Erisman:

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No.	N-08314
Type	Initial Exploration Plan
Received	January 6, 2005
Lease(s)	OCS-G 26197, Block 388, Viosca Knoll Area

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of February 16, 2005, in accordance with 30 CFR 250.203(i)(1).

This approval includes the activities for Well A.

Exercise caution while drilling due to indications of shallow gas.

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 Robert Stringfellow at (504) 736-2437.

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Sincerely,

Donald C. Howard
Regional Supervisor
Field Operations

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