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MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE

Gulf of Mexico OCS Region
1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard
New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394

In Reply Refer To: MS 5231

May 24, 2005

Mr. Douglas Logan
Remington Oil and Gas Corporation
8201 Preston Road
Suite 600
Dallas, Texas 75225-6211

Dear Mr. Logan:

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No.	N-08382
Type	Initial Exploration Plan
Received	April 6, 2005, amended April 15, 2005
Lease(s)	OCS-G 25997, Block 389, Vermilion Area

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of May 18, 2005, in accordance with 30 CFR 250.203(i)(1).

This approval includes the activities proposed for Wells A and B.

Exercise caution while drilling due to indications of possible 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 above 9,106 feet SS is hereby classified, in accordance with 30 CFR 250.490(c), as H₂S absent. However, the area in which the proposed drilling operations are to be conducted below 9,106 feet SS is hereby classified, in accordance with 30 CFR 250.490(c), as H₂S unknown. Accordingly, comply with the appropriate requirements of 30 CFR 250.490.

Your proposed activities are within the "1-mile Zone" of McGrail Bank. Shunt all drill cuttings and drilling fluids to the seafloor through a downpipe that terminates an appropriate distance, but no more than 10 meters from the bottom.

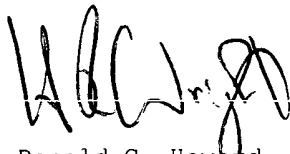
Our review indicates that there is a pipeline in the vicinity of Well B that may pose a hazard to your proposed operations. Therefore, take precautions in accordance with Notice to Lessees and Operators No. 98-20, Section IV.B, prior to performing operations.

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If you have any questions or comments concerning this approval, please contact Elmo Cooper at (504) 731-7810.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. C. Howard". The signature is stylized with a large initial "D" and a long horizontal stroke.

Donald C. Howard
Regional Supervisor
Field Operations