

## United States Department of the Interior

## BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Gulf of America OCS Region 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard New Orleans, LA 70123-2394

In Reply Refer To: GM 235D October 22, 2025

Ms. Aimee Deady Arena Offshore, LP 2103 Research Forest Drive Suite 200 The Woodlands, Texas 77380

Dear Ms. Deady,

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No. N-10238

Type Initial Development Operations Coordination Document

Received March 27, 2024, amended April 12, and July 31, 2024, and modified

April 29, and September 11, 2025

Lease(s) OCS-G 37456, Block 236, Main Pass Area (MP)

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of October 22, 2025, in accordance with 30 CFR 550.270(b)(1).

This approval includes the activities proposed for Platforms D (Complex ID 2234-1) and E (Complex ID 2233-1) and Wells D001 and E003.

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 Section by email at <a href="mailto:boemrmos@boem.gov">boemrmos@boem.gov</a> to determine if additional security is required and comply with any demand for this security.

The Endangered Species Act (ESA, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 et seq.) is designed to protect threatened and endangered species and applies to activities authorized under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. §§ 1331 et seq.). BOEM, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) consulted on oil and gas program activities in the Gulf of America and NMFS issued a 2025 Biological Opinion and associated Attachments and Appendices that include required mitigations. Conditions of Approval (COA) derived from this consultation ensure ESA compliance.

ESA consultation documents and required mitigations covering oil and gas activities in the Gulf of America, can be found here: <a href="https://www.boem.gov/regions/gulf-america-ocs-region/oil-and-gas-esa-consultations-and-protocols">https://www.boem.gov/regions/gulf-america-ocs-region/oil-and-gas-esa-consultations-and-protocols</a>. You must comply with the protective measures for all

activities conducted pursuant to the plan. Activities conducted in association with the subject approval must adhere to these COAs, including all reporting requirements therein.

The following species protective measures found in the link (<a href="https://www.boem.gov/oil-gas-energy/2025-nmfs-biop-protocolspdf">https://www.boem.gov/oil-gas-energy/2025-nmfs-biop-protocolspdf</a>) are applicable for your proposed activities. The numbering below corresponds to the numbering found in the linked document entitled *Endangered Species Act Protocols per the 2025 Biological and Conference Opinion on the Federally Regulated Oil and Gas Program in the Gulf of America*:

- A.0 Compliance with Biological Opinion Terms and Conditions and Reasonable and Prudent Measures
- A.1 Operational National Mitigation Protocols for Geophysical Surveys
- A.2 Marine Debris Protocol
- A.3 Vessel Strike Avoidance and Injured and/or Dead Aquatic Protected Species Reporting Protocols
- A.4 In-water Line Precaution Protocol
- A.5 Moon Pool Monitoring Protocol
- A.6 Vessel Transit within the Rice's Whale Area as identified in the 2020 Biological Opinion's Reasonable and Prudent Alternative (2020 RWA)
- A.7 Sea Turtle Resuscitation Guidelines Protocol

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 Tehirah Barkum at (504) 736-7504 or Tehirah.barkum@boem.gov.

Sincerely,

for Bernadette Thomas Regional Supervisor Office of Leasing and Plans