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In Reply Refer To: MS 5231

December 20, 2005

Mr. Gene Linscomb
Apache Corporation
One Post Oak Central
2000 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 100
Houston, Texas 77056-4400

Dear Mr. Linscomb:

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No.	R-04187
Type	Revised Exploration Plan
Received	July 11, 2005, amended July 19 and August 5, 2005
Lease(s)	OCS-G 02567, Block 359, East Cameron Area

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of September 29, 2005, in accordance with 30 CFR 250.203(i)(1).

This approval includes the activities proposed for Well and Well Protector No. 006.

Exercise caution while drilling due to indications of shallow gas and faulting.

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 Elmc Cooper at (504) 731-7810.

Sincerely,


/s/ Donald C. Howard
Regional Supervisor
Field Operations

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