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In Reply Refer To: MS 5231

December 15, 2005

Mr. Jack Shelledy
Gryphon Exploration Company
1200 Smith Street, Suite 1740
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mr. Shelledy:

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No. N-08514
Type Initial Exploration Plan
Received July 22, 2005
Lease(s) OCS-G 22573, Block 52, East Cameron Area

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of December 5, 2005, in accordance with 30 CFR 250.203(i)(1).

This approval includes the activities proposed for Well A.

Exercise caution while drilling due to indications of shallow 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 Karen Dunlap at (504) 736-2535.

Sincerely,

Michael Tolbert
for Donald C. Howard
Regional Supervisor
Field Operations

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