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



In Reply Refer To: MS 5231

December 13, 2005

Ms. Judy Archer Walter Oil & Gas Corporation 1100 Louisiana Suite 200 Houston, Texas 77002-5299

Dear Ms. Archer:

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No. N-08569

Type Initial Exploration Plan

Received October 6, 2005 Lease(s) OCS-G 27174, Block 66, Grand Isle Area

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of December 2, 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 shallow gas.

In response to the request accompanying your plan for a hydrogen sulfide (H_2S) 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 $^{"}{\rm H}_2{\rm S}$ absent."

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

Sincerely,

Yor Donald C. Howard Regional Supervisor Field Operations

