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In Reply Refer To: MS 5231

December 12, 2005

Mr. Blaine E. Dinger
Mariner Energy, Inc.
2101 Citywest Boulevard
Suite 1900
Houston, Texas 77042-3020

Dear Mr. Dinger:

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No. N-08459
Type Initial Development Operations Coordination Document
Received June 7, 2005, amended August 22, 2005
Lease(s) OCS-G 25605, Block A-341, High Island Area

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of November 17, 2005, in accordance with 30 CFR 250.204(1)(1).

This approval includes the activities proposed for Platform A and previously drilled Wells Nos. 001 and 002.

Your proposed operations are located within 500 feet of an artificial reef site or an artificial reef permit area established by the State of Texas. Prior to conducting operations (including the use of anchors, anchor chains, and wire ropes) that could disturb the seafloor within 500 feet of an artificial reef site or an artificial reef permit area, contact the Texas Artificial Reef Coordinator (Mr. Dale Shively, at (512) 389-4686) to ensure that your operations do not damage reefal material.

Our review indicates that there is an out-of-service pipeline in the vicinity of Platform A 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.

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

Sincerely,

for Donald C. Howard
Regional Supervisor
Field Operations

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