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In Reply Refer To: GM 235D

August 19, 2016

Mr. Bryan L. Chapman
Exxon Mobil Corporation
Post Office Box 4358
Houston, Texas 77210-4358

Dear Mr. Chapman,

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No.	N-09948
Type	Initial Exploration Plan
Received	May 20, 2016, amended June 7 and 13, and July 1, 2016
Lease(s)	OCS-G 34977, Block 326, Green Canyon Area (GC) OCS-G 34978, Block 327, Green Canyon Area (GC) OCS-G 34981, Block 371, Green Canyon Area (GC)

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of August 19, 2016, in accordance with 30 CFR 550.233(b)(1).

This approval includes the proposed activities for Subsea Well E in GC Block 326, Subsea Wells A, B, and C in GC Block 327, and Subsea Wells D and F in GC Block 371.

Drilling permits cannot be issued for the proposed wells until concurrence with your coastal zone management consistency certification has been received by this office from the Texas General Land Office or until concurrence with the certification has been conclusively presumed.

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."

Exercise caution while drilling due to indications of shallow gas, faulting, and possible water flow.

You must comply with the following species protective measures in all activities conducted pursuant to the plan:

- Joint Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL) No. 2012-G01, "Vessel Strike Avoidance and Injured/Dead Protected Species Reporting" (available at <<http://www.boem.gov/Regulations/Notices-To-Lessees/2012/2012-JOINT-G01-pdf.aspx>>);
- Joint NTL No. 2012-G02, "Implementation of Seismic Survey Mitigation Measures and Protected Species Observer Program" (available at <<http://www.boem.gov/Regulations/Notices-To-Lessees/2012/2012-JOINT-G02-pdf.aspx>>); and

- BSEE NTL No. 2015-G03, "Marine Trash and Debris Awareness and Elimination" (available at <https://www.bsee.gov/sites/bsee.gov/files/notices-to-lessees-ntl/alerts/ntl-2015-g03.pdf>).

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 Michelle Griffitt Evans at (504) 736-2975.

Sincerely,

**Michelle
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