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In Reply Refer To: GM 235D

February 13, 2026

Ms. Erin R. Harold
Talos QN Exploration LLC
333 Clay Street, Suite 3300
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Ms. Harold,

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No. S-8192
Type Supplemental Development Operations Coordination Document
Received June 10, 2025, amended July 17, September 16, 2025, and January 15, 2026
Lease(s) OCS-G 27278, Block 519, Mississippi Canyon Area (MC)

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of February 13, 2026, in accordance with 30 CFR 550.270(b)(1).

This approval includes the activities proposed for Wells 001 and SS004.

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."

Our review indicates that there are pipelines in the vicinity of Wells 001 and SS004 that may pose a hazard to your proposed operations. Therefore, take precautions in accordance with Notice to Lessees and Operators No. 2008-G05, Section VI.B, prior to performing operations.

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

In accordance with 30 CFR 556.901(d), additional security may be required for your proposed activities. Prior to conducting activities in which you need to obtain approvals and/or permits described in 30 CFR 550.281(a) from the appropriate District Manager or BSEE Regional Supervisor, you must contact BOEM Risk Management Operations Section by email at boemrmos@boem.gov to determine if additional security is required and comply with any demand for this security.

The Endangered Species Act (ESA, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 et seq.) is designed to protect threatened and endangered species and applies to activities authorized under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. §§ 1331 et seq.). BOEM, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental

Enforcement (BSEE), and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) consulted on oil and gas program activities in the Gulf of America and NMFS issued a 2025 Biological Opinion and associated Attachments and Appendices that include required mitigations. Conditions of Approval (COA) derived from this consultation ensure ESA compliance.

ESA consultation documents and required mitigations covering oil and gas activities in the Gulf of America, can be found here: <https://www.boem.gov/regions/gulf-america-ocs-region/oil-and-gas-esa-consultations-and-protocols>. You must comply with the protective measures for all activities conducted pursuant to the plan. Activities conducted in association with the subject approval must adhere to these COAs, including all reporting requirements therein.

The following species protective measures found in the link (<https://www.boem.gov/oil-gas-energy/2025-nmfs-biop-protocolspdf>) are applicable for your proposed activities. The numbering below corresponds to the numbering found in the linked document entitled *Endangered Species Act Protocols per the 2025 Biological and Conference Opinion on the Federally Regulated Oil and Gas Program in the Gulf of America*:

- A.0 Compliance with Biological Opinion Terms and Conditions and Reasonable and Prudent Measures
 - A.1 Operational National Mitigation Protocols for Geophysical Surveys
 - A.2 Marine Debris Protocol
 - A.3 Vessel Strike Avoidance and Injured and/or Dead Aquatic Protected Species Reporting Protocols
 - A.4 In-water Line Precaution Protocol
 - A.5 Moon Pool Monitoring Protocol
 - A.6 Vessel Transit within the Rice's Whale Area as identified in the 2020 Biological Opinion's Reasonable and Prudent Alternative (2020 RWA)
 - A.7 Sea Turtle Resuscitation Guidelines Protocol

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 Henry Emembolu at henry.emembolu@boem.gov or (504) 736-7553

Sincerely,

for Bernadette Thomas
 Regional Supervisor
 Office of Leasing and Plans