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BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

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

In Reply Refer To: GM 235D

December 20, 2024

Ms. Brittany Gill
Hess Corporation
1501 McKinney Street
Houston, Texas 77010

Dear Ms. Gill,

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No.	S-8175
Type	Supplemental Exploration Plan
Received	October 30, 2024, amended October 31 and November 4, 2024
Lease(s)	OCS-G 09216, Block 215, Garden Banks Area (GB)

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of December 20, 2024, in accordance with 30 CFR 550.233(b)(1).

This approval includes the activities proposed for Subsea Well CW001.

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.

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 possible shallow water flow.

ESA consultation documents and required mitigations covering oil and gas activities in the Gulf of Mexico, can be found here: <https://www.boem.gov/regions/gulf-mexico-ocs-region/oil-and-gas-esa-consultations-and-guidance>. 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/gom-o-g-esa-coas>) are applicable for your proposed activities. The numbering below

corresponds to the numbering found in the linked document entitled *Gulf of Mexico Oil and Gas Endangered Species Act Conditions of Approval*:

1. Compliance with Biological Opinion Terms and Conditions and Reasonable and Prudent Measures
2. Notification of Intention to Transit Rice's Whale Area Condition of Approval (COA)
3. Seismic Survey Operation, Monitoring, and Reporting Guidelines
4. Marine Trash and Debris Awareness and Elimination
5. Vessel-strike Avoidance/Reporting
7. Sea Turtle Resuscitation Guidelines
8. Slack-line Precautions Condition of Approval (COA)
9. Moon Pool Monitoring Condition of Approval (COA)
10. Reporting Requirements Condition of Approval (COA)

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 (504) 736-7553.

Sincerely,

for Bernadette Thomas
 Regional Supervisor
 Office of Leasing and Plans