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In Reply Refer To: MS 5231

April 6, 2009

Ms. Scherie Douglas
BP Exploration & Production Inc.
501 Westlake Park Boulevard
Houston, Texas 77079

Dear Ms. Douglas:

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No. N-09349
Type Initial Exploration Plan (EP)
Received February 23, 2009, amended February 25, 2009
Lease(s) OCS-G 32306, Block 252, Mississippi Canyon Area (MC)

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of April 6, 2009, in accordance with 30 CFR 250.233(b)(1).

This approval includes the activities proposed for Wells A and B.

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

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."

If you have any questions or comments concerning this approval, please contact Michelle Griffitt at (504) 736-2975.

Sincerely,

**Michael
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