

February 1, 1982

CERTIFIED MAIL
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California Coastal Commission
631 Howard Street
San Francisco, California 94105

Attention: Ms. Mari Gottdiener

Re: California Coastal Commission
Consistency Review of Exploration
Plan--OCS-P 0443 Nos. 1-5;
Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Operator

Gentlemen:

With the California Coastal Management Program (CCMP) having become effective on August 31, 1978, any plan submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for the exploration or development of a lease in the OCS and which may significantly affect any land or water use of California's coastal zone must have attached to it a certification that each activity complies with the CCMP and will be carried out in a manner consistent with the CCMP. This required consistency certification appears as Section 2.m. on page 2-18 of the Environmental Report accompanying the subject Exploration Plan.

For the purpose of initiating the consistency review process, we have enclosed with this letter a "Public Information" copy of said Exploration Plan and accompanying Environmental Report (Exploration) as submitted to the Minerals Management Service by Chevron U.S.A. Inc., on February 1, 1982. We will be forwarding a list of the State and local agencies to which we are now directly supplying the documents for the sake of expediency, along with a sample cover letter.

The U. S. Office of Coastal Zone Management and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research will also be provided with copies of these documents. We are also enclosing a copy of Chevron U.S.A. Inc.'s "Oil Spill and Emergency Contingency Plan for Santa Maria Basin OCS Leases."

It has been determined that this submission is complete and meets the requirements of 30 CFR 250.34. As such, the 30-day processing time mandated by the OCS Lands Act Amendments has begun. Please commence your review upon receipt of this letter and the enclosed documents. Due to the 30-day time restraint, only those comments received here by ~~March 3~~ ^{Feb 19}, 1982 can be used in the preparation of our Environmental Assessment.

The biological stipulation was invoked on this lease due to the presence of hard bottom areas. Since the operation proposed by this plan will not impact these hard bottom areas, no biological survey was required.

In addition, the fisheries training program required by lease stipulation No. 3 has been approved and is available for viewing in our office.

Should you have any questions regarding the requirements of this letter or the submitted documents, please contact Messrs. Andy Clifton or Susan Lee of this office at (213) 688-2846.

Sincerely yours,

Orig. Sgnd. by H. T. Cypher

H. T. Cypher
Deputy Manager
Field Operations, Pacific OCS Region

Enclosures

cc: FILE: OCS-P 0443, POE
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NOTED - CLIFTON

August 13, 1982

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California Coastal Commission
691 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Attention: Ms. Mari Gottdiener

Re: Status of Exploration Plan -
OCS-P 0451 Nos. 1-5,
OCS-P 0452 Nos. 1-4, and
OCS-P 0453 Nos. 1 & 2;
Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Operator

Gentlemen:

This letter is written in accordance with our practice of notifying the California Coastal Commission whenever changes to approved exploration plans are proposed.

Chevron U.S.A. Inc. has proposed a change of location (from X= 715,555 m and Y= 3,820,396 m to X= 715,275 m and Y= 3,820,551 m, UTM Zone 10; TD unchanged) and change of drilling vessel (from the Zapata Concord, a semisubmersible, to the Glomar Coral Sea, a drillship) for OCS-P 0451 No. 1. The move is approximately 1,000 feet west of the original location, farther away from State waters. Proximity to shipping lanes is not involved. The well will be straight-hole, and the drilling program for this lease has not been significantly changed. We feel that potential environmental impacts resulting from this project, even with the vessel change, have been adequately addressed in Chevron's Environmental Report and our Environmental Assessment.

Chevron U.S.A. Inc. expects to commence drilling operations in early September. The initial well on OCS-P 0451 was granted consistency on July 14, 1982 and, as in the past, minor changes of this type should not necessitate further consistency review.

Sincerely yours,

(Orig. Sgd.) MAURICE V. ADAMS

for

H. T. Cypher
Deputy Minerals Manager
Field Operations, Pacific OCS Region

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July 29, 1982

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Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
P. O. Box 8000
Concord, CA 94524

NOTED - CLIFTON

Attention: Mr. Bradley J. Le Du

Re: OCS-P 0451 No. 1

Gentlemen:

Chevron U.S.A. Inc.'s proposed change of location (from X= 715,555 m and Y= 3,820,396 m to X= 715,275 m and Y= 3,820,551 m, UTM Zone 10; TD unchanged) and change of drilling vessel (from the Zapata Concord to the Glomar Coral Sea) for OCS-P 0451 No. 1, as detailed on letters dated July 16, 1982 and July 13, 1982, respectively, is hereby approved with the following conditions:

1. The anchor pattern submitted with cover letter dated July 21, 1982 requires some minor modification. The anchor shown with an approximately southeast bearing and labelled "#7" appears to be within impact range of a rocky outcrop. (Plat with anchor marked is enclosed.) Shortening of the anchor line may be a solution.

2. Onsite disposal of drilling mud is not acceptable because of the proximity to hard bottom areas. Washed cuttings may be disposed of onsite, however.

(We are awaiting the drilling mud storage capacity for the Coral Sea.)

3. The conditions we placed on the approval of the Exploration Plan for OCS-P 0451/0452/0453 apply to this relocation and all future wells.

Sincerely yours,

HTC

for

H. T. Cypher
Deputy Minerals Manager
Field Operations, Pacific OCS Region

cc: Dist. Supervisor, Ventura
Files: OCS-P 0451 POE Corres.
OCS-P 0451 No. 1

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The APD for the well will be reviewed upon submittal to our Ventura District office.

Sincerely yours,

(Orig. Sgd.) Thomas W. Dunaway.

Thomas W. Dunaway
Regional Supervisor
Field Operations Office

cc: FILES: OCS-P 0450 #4
OCS-P 0451 #2

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November 30, 1983

ARCO Exploration Company
P.O. Box 5540
Denver, Colorado 80217

Attention: Mr. Keith A. Shone

Re: Lease OCS-P 0437 Well No. 1

Gentlemen:

The changes of location and drilling rig for OCS-P 0437 Well No. 1, as detailed in ARCO letters dated November 17 and 21, 1983, are hereby approved.

	<u>Original (POE approved 11/12/82)</u>	<u>Revised</u>
Coordinates:	X = 705,531 m	X = 706,065 m
UTM Zone 10	Y = 3,835,492 m	Y = 3,835,992 m
	(designated OCS-P 0437 No. 2 in POE)	
Rig:	Diamond M General semisubmersible	Diamond M Falcon semisubmersible

Sincerely yours,

(Orig. Sgd.) Thomas W. Dunaway

Thomas W. Dunaway
Regional Supervisor
Field Operations Office

cc: Files: OCS-P 0437, POE Corres.
OCS-P 0437, Well No. 1

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November 17, 1983

Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
P. O. Box 31000
Concord, CA 94524

Attention: Mr. Bradley J. LeDu

Re: OCS-P 0450 Well No. 4
OCS-P 0451 Well No. 2

Gentlemen:

The changes of location and vessel proposed by Chevron for OCS-P 0450 No. 4 in a November 2, 1983 letter are hereby approved:

	<u>Original (POE, approved 2/19/82)</u>	<u>Revised</u>
Coordinates: (UTM Zone 10)	X = 709,234 m Y = 3,819,910 m	X = 706,643 m Y = 3,818,727 m
Vessel:	<u>Zapata Concord,</u> semisubmersible	<u>Diamond H Eagle,</u> semisubmersible

Chevron's October 31, 1983 proposal to directionally drill OCS-P 0451 No. 2 from a surface location on OCS-P 0452 (using the semisubmersible Zapata Concord, presently drilling OCS-P 0452 No. 3 which will be sidetracked upon completion of testing) is also approved.

With respect to wells drilled from one lease into another, the MMS has no objection to an operator testing in both of its leases. However, should it be necessary in the future to make a determination as to whether the lessees/operator have been prompt and efficient in the exploration of a particular lease, e.g. in connection with a suspension of operations request, the surface location lease in such a dual-lease exploratory venture will not be considered to have been explored if no other well has been drilled thereon. In addition, only the bottomhole location lease will be considered when determining productivity.

	<u>Surface</u>	<u>Bottomhole</u>
Coordinates:	X = 716,453 m Y = 3,819,299 m	X = 715,800 m Y = 3,819,100 m

