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Mr. C.R. Richard  
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Dear Mr. Richard:

We have reviewed the Annual Progress Report for the Northstar Unit Plan of Development dated January 23, 1991. Based on our review of the report, we believe that the work and commitments outlined in the progress report satisfy the Northstar Unit Plan of Development approved on January 25, 1990, for the first year of the unit.

Suspensions of operations were approved for leases OCS Y-0179 and 0181 contingent upon the timely performance of work described in the approved Northstar Plan of Development. By copy of this letter, we are notifying the lessees that the activities are being conducted in accordance with the approved plan.

As noted in condition 4 of our January 25, 1990, letter approving the unit, Amerada Hess must notify this office prior to the start of geophysical operations on Outer Continental Shelf lands. This notification should be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to the start of operations in accordance with Notice to Lessees 86-2 (copy enclosed).

We look forward to the presentations planned for this year on the results obtained from the petrological/petrophysical study and the production facilities design. If you have any questions please contact Jeff Walker at (907)261-4188.

Sincerely,

(ORIG. SGD.) R. A. SMITH

Regional Supervisor  
Filed Operations

Enclosure