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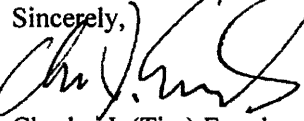
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U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement
Pacific OCS Region
760 Paseo Camarillo, Suite 102
Camarillo, CA 93010-6064
Attn: Acting Regional Director Rance Wall
and Ms. Catherine Hoffman

RE: Chevron U.S.A.
Decommissioning of Leases OCS-P 0205 and OCS-P 0217

Dear Sir or Madam:

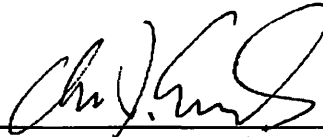
Please find enclosed a Notice of Limited Appeal by Chevron U.S.A. Inc. pertaining to the attached January 4, 2018 letter by the Acting Regional Director, Pacific OCS Region. A copy of a Pay.gov receipt reflecting payment of the appeal fee is also attached. Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,

Charles J. (Tim) Engel

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Enclosure

cc: Via Electronic and Hand-Delivery:
Eric Andreas
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Division of Mineral Resources
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Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby certify that service of the foregoing pleading was made in accordance with the applicable rules to the parties below on March 5, 2018.

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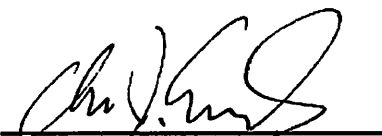
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EXHIBIT A



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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. J.E. Shellebarger
Chevron U.S.A., Inc.
President
100 Northpark Boulevard
Covington, LA 70433

Re: Decommissioning of Leases OCS-P 0205 and OCS-P 0217

Dear Mr. Shellebarger:

This letter is to notify Chevron U.S.A. Inc. (Chevron) that Venoco, LLC (Venoco) has defaulted on its obligation to decommission leases OCS-P 0205 (LA Block 4661) and OCS-P 0217 (LA Block 4862) (collectively "the leases"). As such, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) now looks to you as a prior lessee of the leases to perform the decommissioning and required maintenance and monitoring of the facilities on the leases prior to decommissioning.

As a prior lessee of the leases, you are responsible for decommissioning all wells, pipelines, platforms, and other facilities for which you have accrued decommissioning obligations under 30 C.F.R. § 250.1702. You are hereby notified to completely decommission all such wells, pipelines, platforms, and other facilities per BSEE's regulations within one year of the date the leases were officially relinquished by Venoco. In this regard, Chevron may seek reasonable extensions of the one-year deadline as necessary and may use the existing pipelines on the leases, including any right-of-way pipelines, for the purpose of facilitating the decommissioning of the leases.

Chevron's decommissioning obligations include the safe and orderly pre-decommissioning functions associated with all facilities and infrastructure for which you are responsible and the required inspection, maintenance, and monitoring of these facilities from the date of this order (hereinafter "this order") until decommissioning is complete on the leases. Chevron, or its designated agent, will have the responsibility to comply with any applicable current or future regulatory requirements or obligations related to these facilities pending their ultimate decommissioning.

Accordingly, Chevron is hereby ordered to:

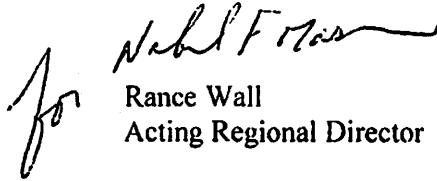
1. **Provide Written Acknowledgment of Receipt of Notification:** Within 15 days of receipt of this order, provide written acknowledgment of receipt of this notification to Mr. Nabil F. Masri, Regional Supervisor (RS), BSEE, Pacific OCS Region (POCSR), Office of Strategic Operations (OSO), at 760 Paseo Camarillo, Suite 102, Camarillo, CA 93010.
2. **Contact the Office of Field Operations (OFO):** Within 15 days of receipt of this order and prior to boarding Platforms Gail or Grace, contact Mr. Michael Mitchell, RS, BSEE, POCSR, OFO, at (805) 384-6355, to discuss the following:
 - Confirmation that you will immediately undertake monitoring, inspection, and maintenance of the facilities and wells on the leases pending completion of decommissioning;
 - A plan to correct all outstanding incidents of Noncompliance identified by the OFO.
3. **Coordinate with following departments:**
 - OFO, Compliance Section: Contact Ms. Theresa Bell, Chief, at (805) 384-6327, to discuss Safety and Environmental Management Systems (SEMS) coverage for the facilities, to identify the SEMS plan that will cover the facilities, and to discuss BSEE access to the facilities to conduct safety inspections;
 - Oil Spill Preparedness Division: Contact Mr. Jason Hagerty at (805) 384-6326, to discuss Oil Spill Response Plan (OSRP) coverage for the facilities and to identify the OSRP that will cover the facilities; and
 - OSO: Contact Mr. Nabil F. Masri, RS at (805) 384-6364, or at nabil.masri@bsee.gov, to discuss requirements for permitting the decommissioning of the facilities and the pipelines.
4. **Submit a Plan and Schedule to Decommission:** Submit your decommissioning plan and schedule to the RS, BSEE, POCSR, OSO, within 90 days of receipt of this order. Once BSEE accepts your decommissioning plan and schedule, Chevron must expeditiously submit the following:
 - Applications for Permit to Modify to permanently abandon all wells under 30 C.F.R. § 250.1712 to RS, BSEE, POCSR, OFO.
 - An application for approval to remove any platforms under 30 C.F.R. § 250.1727, and an application for approval to decommission any pipelines for which you are responsible, under 30 C.F.R. § 250.1751 or § 250.1752, to the RS, BSEE, POCSR, OSO.
 - An Oil Spill Plan that complies with the requirements of under 30 C.F.R. § 254.

Mr. J.E. Shellebarger

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This order may be appealed pursuant to 30 C.F.R. Part 290. If you elect to appeal, a Notice of Appeal must be filed with this office and served on the Associate Solicitor, Division of Mineral Resources, within 60 days of receipt of this letter (*see* NTL No. 2009-N12). If you have questions or concerns, you may contact Ms. Catherine Hoffman at catherine.hoffman@bsee.gov, or by phone at (805) 384-6332.

Sincerely,


Rance Wall
Acting Regional Director

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Mr. J.E. Shellebarger

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EXHIBIT B



Receipt

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