

May 28, 2010

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission – Region IV Division Director, Division of Nuclear Material Safety 612 East Lamar Blvd.

Suite 400

Arlington, Texas 76011-4125

Attention: Chuck Cain

CC: Mineral Management Service 1201 Elmwood Park Blvd.

Mail Stop 5020

New Orleans, LA 70123 Attention: Tom Meyer

RE: NRC Radioactive Materials License Number 17-27623-01

**Abandonment of Radioactive Sources** 

This notice is being furnished to describe the final abandonment of two (2) radioactive sources associated with LWD well-logging activities as described in the referenced license.

Date of Occurrence: 23 May 2010

Company Name: LLOG Exploration Offshore, Inc.

1001 Ochsners Blvd., Suite 200

Covington, LA 70433

Well Name: OCS-G-27195 #4 ST00 BP00

API # 17-725-40868-BP00

Well Location (surface): Lat. 29,34,8,2319N - Lon. 88,55,35,0476 W

2765122.06 X , 3361148.92 Y

Main Pass Block 20

Offshore Louisiana (Federal Waters)

Depth of Well: 9526' md

9526' tvd

Bottom of Fish: 9504' md

9504' tvd





Depth of 8.0 Curie Am241Be Source 9437' md

9437' tvd

Depth of 1.5 Curie Cs-137 Source: 9444' md

9444' tvd

Depth of Top Fish: 9338' md

9338' tvd

Depth of Top of Cement Plug: 9145' md

9145' tvd

Depth of Bottom Cement Plug: Below 9338' md

Below 9338' tvd

Description of Sources: One - 1.5 Curie Cs-137, Doubly Encapsulated,

Special Form,

Well Logging Sealed Source Serial Number: 3007GW QSA Model CDC.CY6

One - 8.0 Curie Am241Be, Doubly

Encapsulated, Special Form, Well Logging Sealed Source Serial Number: DNS010 Gammatron Model AN-HP

While drilling an 8 ½" hole to 9526' MD / 9526' TVD on May 17, 2010 the well started flowing and was shut-in. The MW was raised to 17.8 ppg while circulating through the choke. When the well was taken off the choke the pipe was stuck. While circulating, jarring attempts were made to free the drill string. PipeLax was then pumped into the formation and allowed to set and then jar on the drill string again. A free point log was run and the BHA was backed off at 9338' MD / 9338' TVD. Fishing jars were picked up, PipeLax pills and jarring continued until May 22, 2010 when the decision to abandon the current well and sidetrack it was made.

Mr. Chuck Cain (NRC – Region IV) was notified on May 21 at approximately at 2:00 PM of the possibility of abandoning the two radioactive sources over the week end. Mr. Cain was notified on May 22 that the sources would be abandoned with at least a 150 foot cement plug on top of the fish, the remaining BHA (99' on top of the sources) to be used as a non-drillable object and at least a 15 foot distance must be kept from the sources when the side track well is drilled. Mr. Tom Meyer with the MMS gave a verbal approval for the abandonment and sidetrack of the well. The sources were cemented in the well on May 23, 2010 at 11:00 PM



A sidetracked well is currently being drilled. The closest point of the sidetrack well to the radioactive sealed sources was 35 feet.

You will also find attached a sheet showing the information contained on the permanent identification plaque that will be supplied to LLOG Offshore Exploration, Inc and a well schematic.

If you need additional information or have any questions please contact me at the letterhead address.

Sincerely,

James Bolling

Regional Radiation Safety Officer

ENC: Facsimile of Abandonment Plaque

Well Schematic

CC: Carlos Contreras - North America LWD Operations Manager

A.J. Broussard – M/LWD Operations Manager Andrew Neil – PathFinder Corporate RSO

Mike Kaberlein – LLOG Offshore Exploration, Inc.

COMPANY: LLOG OFFSHORE EXPLORATION INC.

Covington, LA

**WELL:** OCS-G 27915 #4 ST00 BPOO

API 17-707-40902-BP00

LOCATION: MAIN PASS BLOCK 20

**OFFSHORE GOM** 



CAUTION A

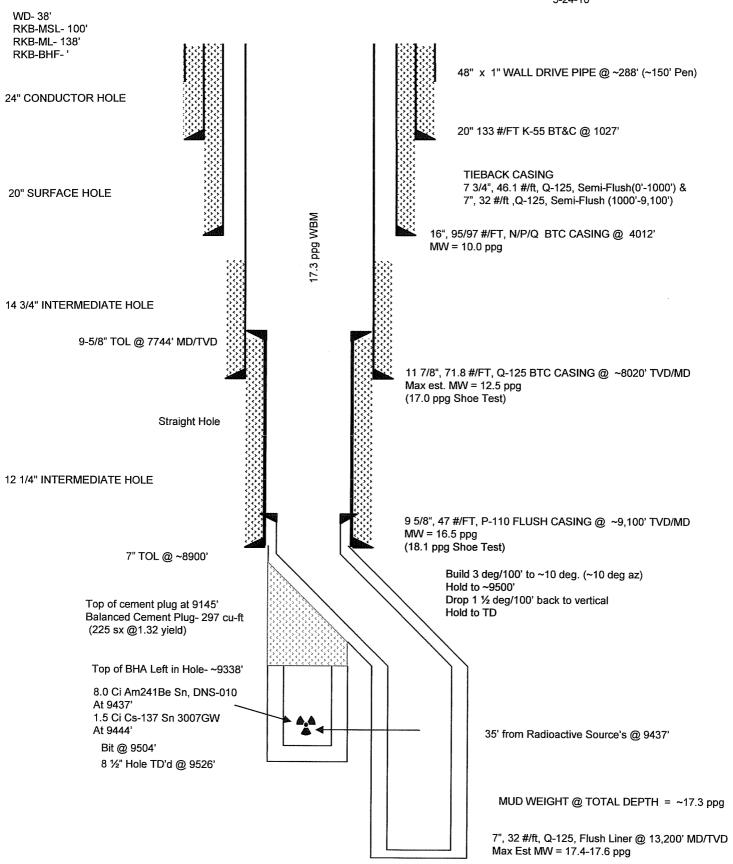


ONE 1.5 CURIE Cs-137 AND ONE 8.0 CURIE Am241Be RADIOACTIVE SEALED SOURCES ABANDONED ON 23 MAY, 2010 AT 9437 FT MD (9347 FT TVD) PLUGBACK DEPTH 9145 FT MD (9145 FT TVD)

DO NOT RE-ENTER THIS WELL
BEFORE CONTACTING
US NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION OR
MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE

## OCS-G-27195 WELL #4 BP01 MAIN PASS BLOCK 20 5-24-10

MP 20 #4 5-24-10



TOTAL DEPTH @ 13,200' TVD/ MD