



# United States Department of the Interior

## BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

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In Reply Refer To: Bond No. 651168

May 7, 2024

The University of Texas at Austin  
2304 Whitis Ave., FAC 426, G1400  
Austin, TX 78712-1111  
Attn: Daniel Jaffe, PhD

Dear Dr. Jaffe:

Your letter dated April 22, 2024, requesting cancellation of Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lessee's or Operator's Bond No. 651168, in the amount of \$200,000, was received by our office on April 23, 2024. This bond, conditioned to cover Right-of-Use and Easement OCS-G 30392, was executed on May 17, 2023, with The University of Texas at Austin as principal and Evergreen National Indemnity Company as surety.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has no objection to cancellation of Bond No. 651168, which is considered cancelled without residual liability effective May 6, 2024, the date of final concurrence with the cancellation.

Should you need further assistance, please contact Kathleen Lee at (504) 736-5774 or [boemgomrfinancialassurance@boem.gov](mailto:boemgomrfinancialassurance@boem.gov).

Sincerely,

**BERNADETTE THOMAS**  
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**Re: Request to Terminate the Period of Liability and Cancellation of OCS Mineral Lessee's or Operator's Bond No 651168**

The University of Texas at Austin (GOM Company No. 3487) respectfully requests cancellation of *Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lessee's or Operator's Bond No. 651168* in the amount of \$200,000, and termination of the period of liability for Right-of-Use and Easement OCS-G 30392. This bond was executed on May 17, 2023, with The University of Texas at Austin as principal and Evergreen National Indemnity Company as surety, and was conditioned to cover Right-of-Use and Easement OCS-G 30392.

UT Austin drilled two deep stratigraphic test wells, H002 (API: 608124014800) and H003 (API: 608124014900), for scientific research in Walker Ridge 313, Gulf of Mexico OCS, under Right-of-Use and Easement (RUE) no. OCS-G 30392. Both wells were plugged and abandoned at the conclusion of activities in accordance with BSEE requirements. Operations were completed on September 2, 2023. Right-of-Use and Easement OCS-G 30392 was terminated by BOEM on September 2, 2023 in accordance with the terms of the RUE agreement.

Action Requested:	Cancellation of Bond No. 651168 and termination of Period of Liability
Lease:	Right-of-Use and Easement OCS-G 30392
Bond Type:	RUE-Specific
Bond No.:	651168
Amount:	\$200,000
Principal:	The University of Texas at Austin
Name of Surety:	Evergreen National Indemnity Company
Execution Date:	May 17, 2023
Effective Date:	May 17, 2023
Principal E-mail:	<a href="mailto:dtj@austin.utexas.edu">dtj@austin.utexas.edu</a> , <a href="mailto:shaunessy@austin.utexas.edu">shaunessy@austin.utexas.edu</a>
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We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jaffe, PhD  
Vice President for Research