

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
BOARD OF MINERALS AND ENVIRONMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF  
GULF EXPLORATION, L.L.C. FOR AN  
EXCEPTION LOCATION FOR AN OIL  
WELL IN THE NE1/4 SW1/4 OF SECTION  
16, T9S, R1E, B.H.M., FALL RIVER  
COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA.

CASE NO. 3-2023

**PETITION**

Gulf Exploration, L.L.C., by and through its attorney Brett Koenecke, of May, Adam, Gerdes & Thompson LLP of Pierre, South Dakota, hereby petitions the Board of Minerals and Environment (BME) for an exception location for an oil well, as follows:

1. Gulf Exploration, L.L.C. (Gulf) holds an oil and gas leasehold interest in the above-captioned parcel of property.
2. Gulf will file an Application for Permit to Drill (“APD”) with BME for the drilling of the Avalanche #1-16 oil well.
3. The location proposed for the Avalanche #1-16 oil well in the APD is 1,550’ FWL and 2,550’ FSL (NW/4 NE/4 SW/4) in Section 16, T9S, R1E, B.H.M., Fall River County, South Dakota. Such a location will be an exception location because it is located within 500 feet of a property boundary pursuant to ARSD 74:12:02:04.
4. The exception location is requested because the location is chosen based upon new 3-dimensional seismic interpretation. If the proposed well is not drilled at the requested exception location, it would be unlikely to produce in economic quantities.
5. This petition is made pursuant to SDCL § 45-9-27 and ARSD 74:12:02:08.

6. The mineral owner in the lands adjacent to the proposed exception location is:

South Dakota Office of School and Public Lands  
500 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 212  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

7. The mineral owner in the lands subject to the proposed exception location is:

South Dakota Office of School and Public Lands  
500 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 212  
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Dated this 26th day of April, 2023.

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