



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE
Office of Response and Restoration
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

September 14, 2012

To: The Designated Natural Resource Trustee Officials for the Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill

On September 23, 2011, acting pursuant to Sections VI and VII of the Memorandum of Understanding Relating to the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Resulting from the Deep Water Horizon Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit and the Subsea Macondo Well (the "MOU") among the State and Federal Natural Resource Trustees for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, the undersigned Designated Natural Resource Trustee Official for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), identified certain individuals as NOAA's primary and alternate representatives on the Trustee Council for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill as well as on the Executive Committee for that Council. Today, as the director of the Office authorized to carry out NOAA's responsibilities as a designated natural resource trustee under the Oil Pollution Act (See Department Organization Order 10-15, Section 3.01.mm.1, dated December 12, 2011 and Department Organization Order 20-5, Section 7.06, dated June 13, 2012), I am officially confirming that the following are now NOAA's representatives on the Trustee Council and on the Executive Committee:

- (1) The primary Trustee Council representative is Craig O'Connor, Chief of the Natural Resources Section and Special Counsel for Natural Resources, NOAA Office of the General Counsel, 7600 Sand Point Way N.E., Seattle WA 98115 ph: (206) 526-456-6604, fax: (206) 526-6665, email: Craig.R.O'Connor@noaa.gov.
- (2) The alternate Trustee Council representative is Lois J. Schiffer, General Counsel of NOAA, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW; Suite A100, Washington, DC 20230, ph: (202) 482-4627, fax: (202) 482-4893, email: lois.schiffer@noaa.gov.
- (3) Craig O'Connor will serve as my representative on the Executive Committee and act as the principal representative of NOAA's natural resource trusteeship, for efficiency and in order to effectuate decisions and voting as may be required on any matters within the scope of the MOU, including for purposes of Section VIII. Lois J. Schiffer will serve as the alternate NOAA representative on the Executive Committee.

I also understand and am providing notice to you that Denise Walker, Attorney-Advisor, has joined Stephanie Willis, Senior Attorney, as part of the legal staff assigned to advise NOAA's Trustee Council representatives. Ms. Willis' contact information remains: Office of General Counsel, 263 13th Avenue So., Suite 177; St. Petersburg FL, 33701 ph: (727) 824-5362, fax: (727) 824-5370, email: Stephanie.Willis@noaa.gov. Ms. Walker's contact information is Office of General Counsel, 1315 East West Hwy, 15871A; Silver Spring, MD, 20910-3282 ph: 301-713-3509, fax: 301-713-1229, e-mail: denise.walker@noaa.gov.

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