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Ms. Cynthia K. Dohner
Authorized Official
U.S. Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
1875 Century Boulevard
Atlanta, Georgia 30345

Re: FWS/R4/NRDAR

Dear Ms. Dohner:

Thank you for the invitation of August 22, 2013, to participate as a cooperating agency in the U.S. Department of the Interior's preparation of a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for early restoration (Early Restoration PEIS) related to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The EPA appreciates that this process complies with the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA regulations at 40 CFR 1502.9(c) and that the Early Restoration PEIS and subsequent accompanying documents are also intended to ultimately comply with the Oil Pollution Act's restoration planning and public notice provisions found in 33 USC 2706. The EPA understands you also are requesting the other Natural Resource Trustees for the DWH oil spill to participate as cooperating agencies.

As a Trustee, the EPA looks forward to participating in this process as a cooperating agency and working with the Department and our fellow Trustees in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have at (202) 564-5700 or you may call Tom Wall of the Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds at (202) 564-4179.

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Kopocis
Designated Natural Resource Trustee Official

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