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

Dear Ms. Dohner:

Thank you for inviting the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to serve as a cooperating agency in the development of a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for early restoration (PEIS) related to the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill.

FDEP accepts this invitation. We also confirm that our role and assistance in this regard began when the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) initiated the effort to develop the PEIS on behalf of the *Deepwater Horizon* Trustee Council based on DOI's verbal invitation at that time. As both a Trustee Council member and National Environmental Policy Act cooperating agency (40 CFR 1508.5), FDEP will continue to participate in the development of the PEIS; provide information and prepare analyses per its special expertise and jurisdictional responsibilities; make staff available to support interdisciplinary capability; and participate in public review processes.

In my role as FDEP's primary representative for the *Deepwater Horizon* Trustee Council, please consider me the chief point of contact for this agency. I can be reached at (850) 245-4993 and by email at mimi.drew@dep.state.fl.us.

We look forward to continuing work with DOI on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mimi Drew'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mimi Drew
Special Advisor to Secretary Herschel T. Vinyard, Jr.