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VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

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Re: Emergency Restoration Projects for the *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill  
(FWS/R4/RD)

Dear Ms. Dohner:

Thank you for your letter of October 14, 2010 proposing three emergency restoration actions pursuant to the Oil Pollution Act ("OPA") (33 U.S.C. §§ 2701 et seq.) and implementing Natural Resource Damage Assessment Regulations. BP Exploration and Production Inc. ("BP") supports and is willing to work with the state and federal trustees (the "Trustees") to design and implement necessary, effective and appropriate emergency restoration projects which are directed to minimize or prevent injury, are feasible and are cost effective.

BP has reviewed the proposed project information provided with your letter, specifically: (1) the Mississippi Alluvial Valley WMA's Migrating and Wintering Waterfowl and Shorebird Project; (2) the Plant Material Collection, Storage, Propagation, and Planting - Gulf Coast project; and (3) the Gulf-wide Emergency Restoration of Propeller Scarring and Response Vessel Impacts to SAV Beds project. We think all three projects have the potential to have a positive impact on the Gulf Coast. While the project descriptions provide a good starting point for our evaluation of the proposed projects, many important details remain to be further developed, and we have a number of questions about the design and execution of the proposed projects.

As you proposed in your letter and by way of this letter, we request the opportunity to discuss these projects, and potential funding for them. In addition, we expect to develop with you a streamlined implementation agreement that would address funding, potential NRD credit and other appropriate terms. Also, BP's willingness to participate in emergency restoration is without prejudice to its right to assert any and all legal and evidentiary defenses it may have in any future proceedings. We look forward to working with the Trustees on this and other matters throughout the Gulf region.

Sincerely,

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