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Ms. Robin Bullock  
NRDA Director  
BP – GCRO  
501 Westlake Park Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77079  
**On behalf of: BP Exploration & Production, Inc.**

Re: Emergency Sea Turtle Restoration Activities for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

Dear Ms. Bullock:

This letter is written on behalf of the State and Federal Natural Resource Trustee agencies charged with public trust responsibilities for natural resources injured and threatened by the *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill. As we indicated in our January 28, 2011, sea turtle emergency restoration proposal, two of the projects submitted for your consideration were submitted concurrently for implementation by the National Incident Command; these were predator control on sea turtle nesting beaches in Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi, and restoration of beach access areas in the same states. We have since received notification from Federal On-Scene Coordinator, Captain Lincoln Stroh, that these activities will be conducted as part of the ongoing response actions, and we therefore formally remove them from our sea turtle emergency restoration proposal. We request that BP continue to consider funding the two Kemp's ridley sea turtle projects described in the January 28 sea turtle emergency restoration proposal.

In order to minimize potential ongoing injuries to Kemp's ridley sea turtles, we look forward to discussing the status of the emergency restoration proposal as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration, and please feel free to contact counsel for DOI (Holly Deal or Chuck McKinley) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Cynthia K. Dohner  
Regional Director, FWS Southeast Region  
Authorized Official for DOI  
On behalf of the Trustees

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