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To: US Navy Secretary Ray Mabus
Admiral James A. Watson, USCG National Incident Commander
Rear Admiral Mary Landry, USCG Federal On Scene Coordinator
Cpt. Steven Poulin, USCG Incident Commander Reg. IV
Cmdr. Jason Merriweather USCG Incident Commander MS
Mr. Bob Dudley, BP President & CEO
Mr. Bryant Champman, BP Incident Commander Reg. IV

E: Approval request for the utilization of a non-toxic bio-remediation product such as OIL SPILL EATER II (US EPA, NCP Listed Product) to be used in the Mississippi Gulf Zone and Inland Waters and Estuaries.

I hereby formally request for the Regional Response Team IV to authorize and approve the use of OSE II, a June, 2010 National Contingency Plan, NCP, listed product number "B-53" which has had RRTVI prior historical utilization experience. OSE II has been used successfully by every branch of the United States military and even by the USEPA. Title 40 of the USEPA, Code of Federal Regulations, CFR 40, allows for the immediate utilization of OSE II when specifically requested along with any and all other products meeting the same specifications.

According to the June, 2010, USEPA National Contingency Plan Product Schedule, NCP, Oil Spill Eater II has a defined endpoint of Carbon Dioxide, CO2, and water. That EPA, NCP schedule states that the use and application of this product is the perfect solution with respect to our coastal zone, since it is best applied utilizing a direct spray-on type delivery application. As stated in the schedule, once you spray this product on the contamination, the oil reacts and starts breaking down shortly after application where the oil loses it adhesive properties, continues to be inert while remaining on the surface until it reaches the NCP required safe endpoint of CO2 and water with no further disposal required.

The price and application of OSE II is a small fraction of the current costs at only \$2,500 to \$3,500 per ton of crude and contamination remediated with no further disposal costs or contamination to our mainland. Based on this understanding of Oil Spill Eater II's capabilities,

its proven history of success and our growing level of contamination, I hereby formally request the approval of this product in order to make every attempt possible to save the natural resources of the State of Mississippi, my District, the waters, bays and estuaries of the Gulf of Mexico and my American Homeland from any further contamination from the BP Horizon Oil Spill. OSE II has been tested and approved for use on the BP Horizon Oil Spill. It is time to use it.

In closing, please advise me accordingly in a direct manner in accordance to Title 40 CFR guidelines.

Sincerely,

Senator Thomas A. 'Tommy' Gollott

Cc:

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