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Sir/Madam:

This letter is to notify you that the Incident Management Team is entering the final stages of shoreline cleanup on property that you own or manage, which may have been affected by the 2010 BP Deepwater Horizon Spill of National Significance. Post-hurricane season inspections will begin soon for shoreline segments that have been previously declared operationally inactive, as detailed in the enclosed public notice. Removal actions may be considered complete if those shoreline segments meet certain pre-determined criteria.

If you have further questions, you may reach the Incident Management Team through the point of contact listed on the attached public notice.

Sincerely,

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USCG Federal On-Scene Coordinator

Enclosure

PUBLIC NOTICE: DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

The Gulf Coast Incident Management Team Unified Command (GCIMT-UC) for the Deepwater Horizon (MC-252) oil spill response is entering the final stage of shoreline cleanup under the National Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 C.F.R. 300 et seq. As the United States Coast Guard Federal On-Scene Coordinator (FOSC) deems that cleanup criteria are met, shorelines will be taken out of active response and the standard oil spill response processes will resume in accordance with the NCP (for an overview of the NCP, visit <http://www.epa.gov/osweroel/content/lawsregs/ncpover.htm>).

All shorelines that are currently being cleaned will remain in active response until cleanup criteria are met and segments are officially taken out of the response by the FOSC. The cleanup criteria and processes to be followed are documented in the 2011 Shoreline Clean-up Completion Plan (an electronic copy of this plan can be viewed/downloaded at the www.restorethegulf.gov).

A key element of the plan will be conducting post-2011 hurricane season inspections on selected shorelines within each state that were directly affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The shorelines to be inspected are a representative sub-set of all the shoreline segments that have previously been determined to meet response cleanup criteria by the FOSC and were designated as Operationally Inactive. If any of these shorelines do not meet cleanup criteria, they will be returned to active response.

Inspection team representatives include the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), the Department of the Interior (for National Seashore property) and the Responsible Party (BP).

Please note several key elements of the NCP:

1. Final sign-off of a segment does not relieve the Responsible Party from their liability and responsibility to respond to re-oiling events.
2. Segment sign-off is performed pursuant to the NCP and does not preclude parties from seeking relief under state or federal law.

As always, any oil observed on state shorelines should be reported to the National Response Center (NRC) at 1 (800) 424-8802 or online at <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/nrchp.html>.

For further information or questions, please contact the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Information Center at (601) 961-5277.