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In Reply Refer To: MS 5231

January 12, 2009

Mr. Ernest Bush
BP America, Inc.
200 Westlake Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77079

Dear Mr. Bush:

In accordance with 30 CFR 254.42(g), the Minerals Management Service (MMS) conducted an unannounced oil spill drill with BP America, Inc. (MMS No. 21591). The purpose of this drill was to test your spill response preparedness and to assess the effectiveness of your Oil Spill Response Plan (O-553). Reference information includes the following:

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| MMS Drill Administrator: | Mr. Alton Bates |
| MMS Drill Team Member: | Mr. Craig Pehler
Ms. Kathy Gomez |
| USCG Representative: | LTCO Guillermo Holmes
Chief Marine Environmental Response
Sector Houston-Galveston |

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an evaluation of this drill. Four broad categories, derived from the National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program guidelines, were used as a basis for this evaluation. We have rated each of these categories, based upon our analysis of your organization's response during the drill, coupled with the review of your internal critique, forwarded by your letter dated December 10, 2008. The analysis is as follows:

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