

**From:** Austin, Meredith CAPT  
**To:** Kathleen.A.Neary@nga.mil  
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**Subject:** RE: NGA Director Visit

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There have been many birds impacted and this is sad. The turtles...yes, there has been many dead turtles, but not all of them are from the oil spill. I don't even know if it's most of them or not. May not be. Necropsies are being done to confirm. There's something w/ the temp this time of year that can cause a die-off. This happens every year.

To: Austin, Meredith CAPT  
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 For some reason I thought you were coming back on 12 June. Have you seen much of the coast and the animal and plant life devastation. I just saw a report of 50 sea turtles rescued but more than 250 dead. This makes me very sad.  
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 6 Jul...doing the procedure on the 11th. At least I'll have a couple days in the office to dig out--luckily, my deputy is handling things pretty well so it shouldn't be too painful. I'm keeping up w/ email down here.  
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 -----Original Message-----  
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