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Thomas Morrison  
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Re: DEEPWATER HORIZON  
FPN: N10036

Dear Mr. Morrison:

This letter is in response to your letter of April 28, 2010, designating BP Exploration & Production Inc. ("BP Exploration") as a responsible party for the oil spill arising from the sinking of the DEEPWATER HORIZON. BP Exploration acknowledges that it is a "responsible party" under the Oil Pollution Act (OPA), 33 U.S.C. § 2701, *et seq.*, and accepts its designation as a responsible party pursuant to your letter of April 28, 2010. As such, BP Exploration is fully committed to undertaking the oil spill response actions required pursuant to OPA.

This incident was the result of an accident on the mobile offshore drilling unit DEEPWATER HORIZON, which was entirely owned and operated by Transocean. BP Exploration understands that the Coast Guard has similarly designated Transocean as a responsible party in this matter. BP Exploration accepts its designation by the Coast Guard as a responsible party in this matter with a full reservation of rights with respect to any and all other parties.

Please contact the undersigned at (281) 366-5519 if you have any questions or comments about this.

Yours very truly,