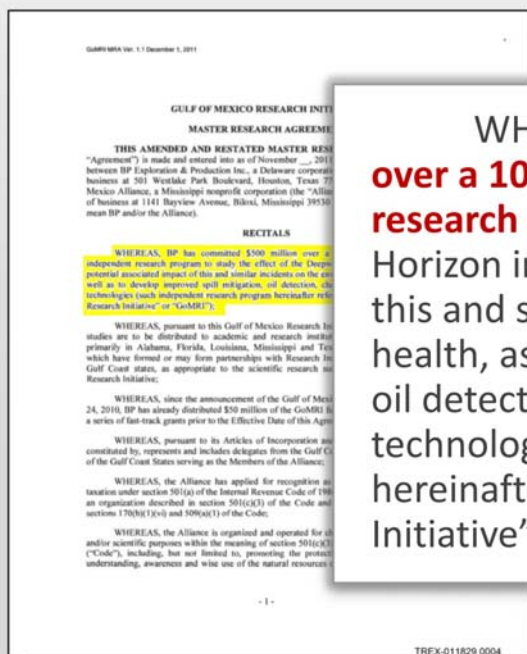


BPXP Commits \$500 Million Over 10 Years for Independent Gulf Science



WHEREAS [BPXP] has committed **\$500 million over a 10-year period** to create an **independent research program** to study the effect of the Deepwater Horizon incident and the potential associated impact of this and similar incidents on the environment and public health, as well as to develop improved spill mitigation, oil detection, characterization and remediation technologies (such independent research program hereinafter referred to as the "Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative" or "GoMRI") . . .