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## MEMORANDUM

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To: R. J. Papp, Jr., ADM  
Commandant

Subj: FINAL REPORT SUBMISSION FOR THE INCIDENT SPECIFIC PREPAREDNESS  
REVIEW (ISPR) RELATED TO THE BP OIL SPILL RESPONSE – GULF OF  
MEXICO MISSISSIPPI CANYON BLOCK 252 ON APRIL 20, 2010

Ref: (a) Your ISPR Charter dtd June 14, 2010  
(b) Marine Safety Manual Volume IX, Chapter 4, COMDTINST M16000.14  
(c) Administrative Investigations Manual, COMDTINST M5830.1A

1. I am pleased to deliver to you the final report for the Incident Specific Preparedness Review (ISPR) of the response to the Spill of National Significance (SONS) following the Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit (MODU) DEEPWATER HORIZON explosion that occurred at Mississippi Canyon Block 252 on April 20, 2010.

2. The Team you chartered on June 14, 2010 has conducted a comprehensive and independent review of the oil spill response that resulted from the explosion and fire aboard the MODU DEEPWATER HORIZON, as well as the overall preparedness system in effect at the time of the incident. I sincerely appreciate the superb Team and Support Staff that you assembled to assist RADM Moore and me in this very important work. I am proud of the report we have produced. It comprehensively addresses all the key issues you directed that we review as well as others we felt important to add. Our report provides extensive recommendations that, when implemented, will greatly enhance the nation's preparedness and its ability to respond to future spills of national significance as well as more routine events.

3. It has been my pleasure to serve as Chairman of the ISPR. Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to conduct this important review. Semper Paratus.

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