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Subject: FW: CRITICAL RESOURCE REQUEST: OFFSHORE SKIMMING ASSETS

Jim and Ray,

Below is an assessment of the offshore skimming situation in regards to requesting and obtaining additional resources. BP contracting/acquisition is too slow. LCDR Chris Lee is my deputy operations section chief.

We all know we can use more skimmers offshore, especially as the use of dispersants becomes more problematic. I have been pushing for more skimmers since I have been here. Mike (BP IC) has been agreeing with me, and we were holding off until we saw the success of top kill and top hat. The reality is we have had some success, but we are still seeing oil and massive slicks forming. We need to push for more offshore skimmers now! I can't honestly tell the media and the people of LA/U.S. we are doing all we can when we haven't increased the flow of offshore skimmers to the source.

I understand a lot of this contracting is done up at Roberts and now skimmers have been identified as a critical resource. Any chance you guys can light some fires to get this moving along a little faster? If we can't expedite the process, we should federalize the acquisition of these skimmers using the fund. I am ready to do that here, if you give me the funding authorization and the people that go with it, although, I understand skimmers offshore are being handled by you.

We need to ensure we have a steady stream of skimmers coming in until the tide of this oil is stemmed or stopped. I see no signs of this happening in the near term, so the time is now to make this happen.

Let me know what else I can do to support this.

Roger

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