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Robin Bullock  
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RE: Your letter regarding "ROV sediment corer and biota collection for December NRD Cooperative Cruise"

Dear Ms. Bullock:

Thank you for your letter dated March 25, 2011 expressing BP's reservations about the Trustees' decontamination methods planned and observed as part of the December Cooperative NRD Cruise. Because these are matters best addressed at the Technical Working Group (TWG) level, we have forwarded your letter to the following Trustees' Technical Working Group(s) (TWGs) for their consideration, as may be appropriate: Water Column TWG and Deepwater Communities TWG.

A copy of your letter will be placed in the Administrative Record for the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) for the Deepwater Horizon/MC252 Oil Spill (MC252 NRDA AR), as you requested, together with a copy of this response. The MC252 AR is available online at: <http://www.doi.gov/deepwaterhorizon/adminrecord/index.cfm>.

Sincerely,

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Senior Attorney

cc MC252 AR  
Water Column TWG Lead  
Deepwater Benthic TWG Lead

