



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
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**On behalf of:**

Transocean Holdings LLC  
Transocean Deepwater Inc.  
Transocean Offshore Deepwater Drilling Inc.  
Triton Asset Leasing GmbH

Re: Invitation to Participate in Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Natural Resource Damage Assessment.

Dear Mr. Miller:

I am writing as a follow-up to my letter of September 27, 2010, sent to you on behalf of the state and federal trustee agencies with responsibility for natural resources injured and threatened by the above-referenced oil spill (the "Trustees").

With that letter and the Notice of Intent to Conduct Restoration Planning attached thereto, we notified you that the Trustees had determined to conduct a natural resource damage assessment ("NRDA"), in accordance with state regulations and the Oil Pollution Act NRDA regulations at 15 C.F.R. Part 990. The Trustees also extended to your clients, as identified Responsible Parties, an invitation to participate in this process, pursuant to 15 C.F.R. 990.14(c). Finally, the Trustees requested a written response to this invitation within 30 days of my letter.

As more than 30 days have passed without a response, the Trustees consider the invitation to have been declined.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher J. Plaisted". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Christopher J. Plaisted  
Attorney-Advisor

cc: Harriet M. Deal, U.S. Department of the Interior

Patricia R. Collins, U.S. Department of the Air force  
William A. Gunter, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Larry Morgan, Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
Stephanie C. Morris, Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office  
Lisa Thompson Ouzts, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality  
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