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Commissioner Robinson:

Thank you for your letter to BP regarding activities in Escambia County. As requested, below are responses to inquiries you received from your constituents:

BP remains committed to using local workforce whenever available and appropriate. Accordingly, BP is working in conjunction with the states of Alabama, Mississippi and Florida and their unemployment agencies to identify and build a team of 4,100 individuals who want to be trained to become Qualified Community Responders (QCRs) and be ready to help prevent, respond to and mitigate the impacts of oil contamination on the shoreline as may be necessary.

QCRs are a reserve corps of individuals who reside in the county in which they will be working should a need arise.

BP is training 200 individuals in each of the potentially affected counties in Florida, including: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Gulf, Franklin and Wakulla.

In Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties, individuals interested in becoming QCRs should visit <http://www.workforceescarosa.com>

There are currently 3 operating staging areas and 2 deployment areas in Florida. The staging areas are in Pensacola (Bayou Chico), Panama City and Port St. Joe, and the deployment areas are in Apalachicola, and Carabelle. The current plan is that only boom from Florida will be brought into the staging area at Pensacola for cleaning and decontamination.

The Bayou Chico staging area has 3 main functions:

1. Equipment staging -- Vacuum trucks, boats, oil skimmers, transfer barges, heavy equipment, transport trucks and associated equipment that may be needed to recover and manage oily waste, will be stored available for immediate use.
2. Recovered oil transfer -- Transfer barges will be used to transport "oil / water mixture" from skimmers to temporary shore tankage. Tank trucks will then transport the oil to the designated processing sites.
3. Boom recovery / decontamination -- At the conclusion of the emergency, containment booms will be recovered, and transported to this pre-determined location for cleaning, decontamination, sorting and readied for shipment.

Vessels returning from offshore will be decontaminated prior to entering port. Further cleaning will be done as necessary to ensure safety of the crew.

BP is using worldwide expertise to minimize the environmental impact of the oil spill. Personnel working at Bayou Chico include contractors from:

- **O'Briens** — global provider of regulatory compliance, emergency preparedness, response/crisis management, and disaster services for numerous industry sectors and government
- **MSRC** — national spill response company dedicated to rapid response. MSRC's capabilities include a large inventory of vessels, equipment, and trained personnel, MSRC also provides dedicated access to alternative response technologies such as in situ burn kits and aerial and vessel dispersant spraying.
- **Eagle-SWS** — U.S. Coast Guard certified Oil Spill Removal Organization (OSRO) qualified in river/canal and inland operating environments for both facilities and vessels. The Eagle-SWS classification matrix illustrates capabilities for COTP Zones across the Eastern United States. Response equipment is staged at all service centers including oil skimmers, containment boom, sorbent materials, motor vessels, pumps and other response equipment ready for immediate deployment
- **ERM** — Committed to protecting human health and ecology, satisfying regulatory obligations, and managing local community expectations. Services include decommissioning, demolition and redevelopment strategies to help capture value from discontinued operations across the globe. Combines remediation technology,

risk assessment, financial and project management, regulatory negotiations and field services

On Wednesday, May 26, 2010, BP and its technical staff hosted a tour of the Bayou Chico staging area. This tour included members of the Pensacola City Council, County Commissioners, the media, and Mr. John Naybor, President of the Bayou Chico Association. Please see the attached email from Mr. Naybor regarding his visit to Bayou Chico.

Commissioner Robinson, per our conversation, we are more than happy to set up a tour of the staging area so that you can see first hand BP's unwavering commitment to minimizing the environmental impact on the residents of Escambia County.

We trust we have sufficiently answered the questions you have posed. However, if you have any further questions or concerns, please contact me at 850-912-8640.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Castro". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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From: John Naybor [naybor@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 5:36 PM
To: 'Jeremy Creech'; Castro, Liz
Subject: FW: Oil Deconamination on Byou Chico

The decontamination area set up by BP on the East Property of PSMC on Bayou Chico is now staged and ready should any oil make its way to the Pensacola area. I will try to answer some potential questions in this brief report. The following are facts regarding the decon (*decontamination*) facility.

1. It is currently staffed with between 500-600 people. 75% are local hires. More will be added as needed.
2. The facility meets or exceeds all environmental requirements for hazardous waste handling.
3. Contaminated oil booms will be picked up in place and loaded into a sealed metal container before they are moved from the spill location where they were contaminated. If the vessel hauling the contaminated boom has oil on it, it will be decontaminated either outside of the pass (weather permitting), in the intercoastal waterway, or at NAS before it heads near Bayou Chico. This will depend on where the boom is coming from, off shore or inshore.
4. The vessels using this port in Bayou Chico will only be processing boom from this area. There is a decon station near Mobile AI handling the west and one in Panama City handling the east. The NAS is also in full use.
5. The steel containers will be lifted onto trucks and transported to an off site hazardous waste disposal site or in the case of non absorbent booms and skimmer equipment they will be cleaned on site in a lined decon system. The water is then separated from the oil and the oil is sent to a hazardous waste disposal site. No oil will end up on the ground and no oil will end up in the Bayou.
6. This facility is also a staging area for skimmers, booms, and other decon equipment.
7. The facility was tested for pollutants before they arrived and will be tested for pollutants before they can leave. It will be left in the same or better shape than it was when they arrived.
8. DEP and other government entities will be monitoring the operation. We will all be watching the operation closely.

Hopefully we will never need this decon facility, however should we need to clean up oil we had better have an operation like this up and ready to go for all of our interests. We only have a couple of options. The maritime park property

doesn't have deep water access and the Port of Pensacola has Homeland Security issues. We really only have two viable options, NAS and PSMC, and they are both being utilized. My initial reaction after touring the operation and reviewing the operational plan is that it is a well run professional operation that meets or exceeds our environmental concerns in the midst of this crisis. No substantial amounts of oil should ever enter the water or be allowed to contaminate Bayou Chico in any way. Our expectations are high, and our needs are great, let us hope we are not disappointed but able to show pride in the efforts put forth on the front line by those fighting this battle we so desperately need them to win. It would seem we have the appropriate professionals in place.

Best Regards,

John Naybor
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Vice Chairman FL Clean Boating Partnership
Marina Owner/Operator

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