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HAND DELIVERY

RE: Bayou Chico Staging Area

Dear Liz,

I am sorry that you changed your schedule for the City Council, which is not suitable for my calendar. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend this afternoon's viewing due to a prior scheduled event.

However, I do have several questions and comments. I have asked Sandra Jennings to hand deliver this letter to you and instruct you that I would like a written response to these issues. They are as follows:

1. Is BP committed to replacing out-of-town labor with local workers? I understand that there are some managerial and oversight positions that will require expertise from outside of the area; however, a majority of the work that is being done should be done by individuals from the Escambia and Santa Rosa County area. I know that Joe Oliveri has made comments that that is the case. I would just like your written confirmation that locals will be trained and brought onsite in preference to out-of-town
2. It is my understanding that the boom to be cleaned at the Pensacola Shipyard would only be contaminated boom from the Escambia Theatre. Will you confirm my assumption in writing? I believe there is considerable angst that all boom cleaning in the entire Gulf of Mexico will be done in Pensacola, Florida. I believe this will help you and all local officials if you are able to confirm what was originally presented to us that this would only be for contaminated boom in the Escambia Theatre. It is my understanding that the Alabama Theatre would be cleaned in Mobile and theatres further to the east would be cleaned in Panama City. Please confirm my assumptions.

3. I am requesting that you contact the Bayou Chico Association and provide their leadership and membership the opportunity to view the site. This group has made considerable effort and a commitment to cleaning and restoring Bayou Chico. Your presence is confirming their worst fears. I believe those are the individuals who need to be comforted that you are indeed taking all steps to handle this problem. Finally I believe you need to confirm to the citizens that while BP is paying for this and is responsible it is actually being handled by a third part contractor. I believe the citizens have little confidence in BP and would be much more confident in knowing who is actually handling the responsibility of the daily operations.

Again I am sorry I will not be able to make the viewing today; however, I do want responses to my three questions and request. Escambia County is sincerely concerned with all that has happened and we need honesty and transparency from BP to our questions and our fears. Thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely



Grover C. Robinson, IV

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