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May 11, 2010

Mr. Steven L. Newman
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Dear Mr. Newman:

To assist the Committee on Natural Resources in carrying out its oversight responsibilities, I request that you promptly provide to the Committee full, un-redacted copies of the following documents for the period January 1, 2000, to the present:

1. Any documents, including communications to or from senior company officials, relating to the risk of an accidental release of oil or gas at the *Deepwater Horizon* drilling rig or other offshore deep water or ultra-deep water drilling facilities;
2. Any documents, including communications to or from senior company officials, relating to potential responses to an accidental release of oil or gas at the *Deepwater Horizon* drilling rig or other offshore deep water or ultra-deep water drilling facilities;
3. Any documents relating to the testing of emergency response procedures and technologies for use in responding to an accidental release of oil or gas at the *Deepwater Horizon* drilling rig or other offshore deep water or ultra-deep water drilling facilities; and
4. All multiagency plans, emergency management plans, and contingency plans developed relating to an accidental release of oil or gas at the *Deepwater Horizon* drilling rig or other offshore deep water or ultra-deep water drilling facilities in the Outer Continental Shelf, including any regional and site-specific Oil-Spill Response Plans (OSRPs), and attached documentation, prepared for or submitted to federal or state regulators.

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Please produce the requested information in a timely fashion and prior to the May 26, 2010 Committee hearing at which you will appear. In addition, we ask that you advise the Committee by Tuesday May 18, 2010, whether you will comply with this request on a voluntary basis.

If you have questions regarding this request, please contact Deborah Lanzone, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, at 202-225-9297.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,



NICK J. RAHALL, II

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