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April 21, 2010

Mr. Lamar McKay
Chairman and President
BP America, Inc.
501 Westlake Park Boulevard
Houston, TX 77079

Dear Mr. McKay:

On April 20, 2010, an explosion occurred on a semisubmersible drilling rig off the Gulf of Mexico. The oil rig is operated by Transocean Ltd. under contract with BP Exploration and Production, Inc. According to BP's public statement, at the time of the explosion 126 crew members were on board, and some remain unaccounted for.

The Committee on Energy and Commerce's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations requests a briefing on the incident, its possible causes, and on BP's recovery efforts by Friday, April 23, 2010. Please contact Ali Golden with the Committee staff at (202) 226-2424 to schedule the briefing.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman
Chairman



Bart Stupak
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

cc: The Honorable Joe Barton
Ranking Member

The Honorable Michael C. Burgess
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations