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> Mr. David J. Lesar Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer Halliburton 3000 North Sam Houston Parkway East Houston, TX 77032

Dear Mr. Lesar:

To assist the Committee on Natural Resources in carrying out its oversight responsibilities, we request that you promptly provide to the Committee all documents in Halliburton's possession relating to:

- 1. The explosion at the *Deepwater Horizon* rig;
- 2. The possibility or risk of an explosion or blowout at the *Deepwater Horizon* rig;
- 3. The status, adequacy, quality, monitoring, and inspection of the cementing work related to the *Deepwater Horizon* rig; and
- 4. All technical documents in Halliburton's possession related to the usefulness of "foamed" cement in conditions similar to those in which the *Deepwater Horizon* was drilling in, and in particular the risks of normal and foamed cements when encountering sub-seabed hydrates.

Please produce the requested information in a timely fashion and prior to the May 26, 2010 Committee on Natural Resources hearing on "Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Strategy and Implications of the Deepwater Horizon Rig Explosion." 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.

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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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