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> The Honorable Ken Salazar Secretary U.S. Department of the Interior 1849 C Street, NW Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar:

As we continue to mourn the 11 men who tragically lost their lives as a result of the explosion on the *Deepwater Horizon* and pray for the loved ones they left behind, the Committee on Natural Resources is also continuing its oversight responsibilities into the incident.

To assist the Committee in carrying out its oversight responsibilities, I request that you promptly provide to the Committee full, un-redacted copies of the following documents:

- The Regional Oil Spill Response Plan submitted by BP that covered the activities on Lease #G32306;
- Exploration Plans (EPs) submitted by BP for Lease #G32306;
- Any analysis or other documentation from MMS related to the approval of the EPs for Lease #G32306;
- All Applications for Permits to Drill (APDs), including revised APDs, for wells and bypasses submitted by BP for Lease #G32306;
- All Applications for Permits to Modify submitted by BP for Lease #G32306;
- All End of Operations Reports submitted by BP for Lease #G32306; and
- All Well Activity Reports submitted by BP for Lease #G32306.

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If you have any questions about 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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Cc: Elizabeth S. Birnbaum, Director, Minerals Management Service