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May 28, 2010

Mr. Steve Benz
President
Marine Spill Response Corporation
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Dear Mr. Benz:

The House Committee on Energy and Commerce and its Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations are investigating the April 20, 2010, explosion at the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig, and subsequent oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico. As part of its investigation, the Committee is examining the adequacy of emergency response and contingency plans maintained by BP.

We believe you may have documents relevant to this investigation because BP has entered into a service agreement with the Marine Spill Response Corporation (MSRC) to provide BP with immediate and ongoing spill response equipment and resources in the event of an oil spill.

In order to assist the Committee with its investigation, we request that you provide the Committee with the following documents:

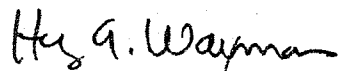
1. The complete service agreement signed by BP and MSRC, as well as all supporting documentation.
2. All communications, including e-mail, between BP and MSRC from January 2006 to the present.
3. All documents relating to a failure to control an oil well on the seabed.

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Please provide the documents to the Committee by June 9, 2010. In addition, we request that you advise the Committee by Wednesday, June 2, 2010, whether you will comply with this request on a voluntary basis. An attachment to this letter provides additional information on how to respond to Committee document requests.

We appreciate your assistance with the Committee's investigation. If you have questions regarding this request, please contact Molly Gaston or Ali Golden of the Committee staff at (202) 226-2424.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman
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