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Re: Response to Chairman Markey's Correspondence of August 11, 2010, to Mr. Lamar McKay, President of BP America Inc.

Dear Chairman Markey:

I am writing on behalf of BP America Inc., ("BPA") in response to your letter dated August 11, 2010 to Lamar McKay, Chairman and President of BPA, concerning the latest estimate on flow rate from the Flow Rate Technical Group ("FRTG").

Without addressing the letter's premises, BP agrees with you that it is important to determine the amount of oil that was discharged from the MC 252 well into the Gulf of Mexico. BP is continuing to evaluate available information, including estimates previously released by the FRTG. The company is also cooperating with the various government agencies looking into this important matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly or have your staff contact Liz Reicherts at (202) 457-6585.

Sincerely,



Douglas F. Curtis

cc: Honorable Henry Waxman, Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce
Honorable Joe Barton, Ranking Member
Honorable Fred Upton, Ranking Member
Dr. Marcia McNutt, United States Geological Survey and Chair, Flow Rate Technical Committee