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Washington D.C., 20240

RE: **C20130269**, Coastal Zone Consistency
Natural Resources Trustees for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill
Direct Federal Action
Draft Phase III Early Restoration Actions for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill
Coastwide, Louisiana

Dear Ms. Deal:

The Office of Coastal Management (OCM) has received your December 12, 2013, letter requesting consistency review of five projects proposed for implementation within Louisiana's coastal zone. As your letter states, the five projects are:

Caillou Lake Headlands Barrier Island Restoration, Terrebonne Parish
Chenier Ronquille Barrier Island Restoration, Plaquemines Parish
Shell Island (East and West Lobes) Barrier Island Restoration, Plaquemines Parish
North Breton Island Barrier Island Restoration, Plaquemines Parish
Louisiana Marine Fisheries Enhancement, Research, and Science Center,
Plaquemines and Calcasieu Parishes

The letter states that the U.S. Department of the Interior (USDO), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) are seeking an early consideration as to whether these five proposed projects, as currently proposed, are broadly consistent with the approved Louisiana Coastal Resources Program (LCRP). The OCM acknowledges that these five agencies may not be the eventual applicants for these projects nor will the projects necessarily be federal agency activities.

After a review of the draft Phase III Early Restoration Actions for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, I am pleased to convey that we have not identified any issues in the draft Plan that would serve to bar our eventual concurrence with the determination that these projects are consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the LCRP. Once we receive the final consistency determinations of Coastal Use Permit applications from the eventual applicant(s), this office will provide final determinations. The State of Louisiana enjoys its positive working relationship with the Deepwater Horizon Natural Resources Trustees, and looks forward to the implementation of these five early restoration projects.

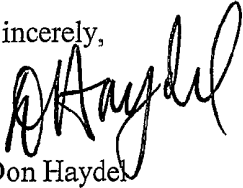
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Sincerely,



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