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Re: DMR-150341; Draft Phase IV Early Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessments (Phase IV DERP)

Dear Ms. Willis:

The Department of Marine Resources (Department) in cooperation with other state agencies is responsible under the Mississippi Coastal Program (MCP) for managing the coastal resources of Mississippi. Proposed activities in the coastal area are reviewed to insure that the activities are in compliance with the MCP.

The Department has reviewed the proposed selection of four (4) early restoration projects within Mississippi's Coastal Zone (see attached list). The selection of the listed projects and the preliminary project descriptions have been reviewed based upon provisions of the Mississippi Coastal Program and Section 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (as amended). The selection of the listed projects as Phase IV early restoration actions for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill has been determined to be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the Mississippi Coastal Program.

It appears from the preliminary descriptions that the projects themselves will include impacts regulated by both this Department and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. Once the plans for the four projects have been finalized, applications should be submitted to this office for review. An application packet has been included with this letter, and the application form can also be found on the Department's web site at <http://dmr.ms.gov/images/permitting/joint-application-notification-form2.pdf>.

The above granted consistency certification was based upon the information presented. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Greg Christodoulou with the Bureau of Wetlands Permitting at (228) 523-4109 or [greg.christodoulou@dmr.ms.gov](mailto:greg.christodoulou@dmr.ms.gov).

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

cc: Harriet M. Deal, U.S. Department of the Interior