

DWH SETTLEMENT COMMUNICATION

**Deepwater Horizon/Mississippi Canyon 252 Spill**

**Addendum to the Sampling and Monitoring Plan for the Assessment of MC252 Oil Impacts to Coastal Wetland Vegetation in the Gulf of Mexico**

Approval of this work plan is for the purpose of obtaining data for the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA). Each party reserves its right to produce its own independent interpretation and analysis of any data collected pursuant to this work plan.

Each laboratory shall simultaneously deliver raw data, including all necessary metadata, generated as part of this work plan as a Laboratory Analytical Data Package (LADP) to the Trustee Data Management Team (DMT), the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office (LOSCO) on behalf of the State of Louisiana, the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) on behalf of the State of Mississippi, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) on behalf of the State of Alabama, and to BP (or Cardno ENTRIX on behalf of BP). The electronic data deliverable (EDD) spreadsheet with pre-validated analytical results, which is a component of the complete LADP, will also be delivered to the secure FTP drop box maintained by the Trustees' Data Management Team (DMT). Any preliminary data distributed to the DMT shall also be distributed to LOSCO, MDEQ, ADCNR, and to BP (or Cardno ENTRIX on behalf of BP). Thereafter, the DMT will validate and perform quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) procedures on the LADP consistent with the authorized Analytical Quality Assurance Plan, after which time the validated/QA/QC'd data shall be made available simultaneously to all Trustees and BP (or Cardno ENTRIX on behalf of BP). Any questions raised on the validated/QA/QC results shall be handled per the procedures in the Analytical Quality Assurance Plan and the issue and results shall be distributed to all parties. In the interest of maintaining one consistent data set for use by all parties, only the validated/QA/QC'd dataset released by the DMT shall be considered the consensus dataset. In order to ensure reliability of the consensus data and full review by the parties, no party shall publish consensus data until 7 days after such data has been made available to the parties. Also, the LADP shall not be released by the DMT, LOSCO, MDEQ, ADCNR, BP or Cardno ENTRIX prior to validation/QA/QC absent a showing of critical operational need. Should any party show a critical operational need for data prior to validation/QA/QC, any released data will be clearly marked "preliminary/unvalidated" and will be made available equally to all trustees and to BP (or Cardno ENTRIX on behalf of BP). This plan will be implemented consistent with existing trustee regulations and policies.


All applicable state and federal permits must be obtained prior to conducting work.

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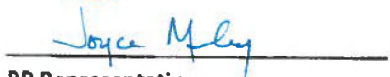
2013 Data Collection – Coastal Wetland Vegetation Elevation Survey

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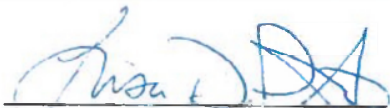
Louisiana Trustee Representative:

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BP Representative:

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NOAA Trustee Representative:  
(on behalf of all other trustees)

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Section XIII. Coastal wetland vegetation elevation survey of the *Sampling and Monitoring Plan for the Assessment of MC252 Oil Impacts to Coastal Wetland Vegetation in the Gulf of Mexico* provides detailed methodology for surveys conducted at the 150 assessment sites established under the work plan as well as the 14 assessment sites established under the *Addendum Protocol for Sampling and Monitoring Marsh Response Cleanup Areas*. The initial survey was conducted under three (3) task orders executed by the State of Louisiana beginning in November 2010 and ending in August of 2011. A second survey was executed by the State of Louisiana in 2012 under the 2012 Data Collection – Coastal wetland vegetation survey Addendum to the *Sampling and Monitoring Plan for the Assessment of MC252 Oil Impacts to Coastal Wetland Vegetation in the Gulf of Mexico*.

This addendum will allow the 2013 surveys to begin in February with an anticipated 45 day field collection effort. The methodology for data collection and processing will remain as conducted in 2010-11 and 2012 to ensure the comparability between the data sets to calculate changes that may have occurred.

The 2013 cost estimate is approximately \$650,000. The breakdown is as follows:

Personnel:	\$300,000.00
Lodging:	\$ 48,500.00
Meals:	\$ 23,500.00
Equipment (Boats, Vehicles, RTK):	\$270,000.00
Miscellaneous (Cane Poles, Flagging):	\$ 8,000.00
Total	\$650,000.00