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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Office of the General Counsel Attn: Stephanie Willis, Senior Attorney 263 13th Avenue South, Suite 177 St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Re: State of Alabama: Coastal Consistency Determination
Draft Phase I Early Restoration Plan & Environmental Assessment (Phase 1 DERP) for the Deepwater
Horizon Oil Spill
Marsh Island (Portersville Bay) Marsh Creation and Alabama Dune Restoration Cooperative Projects
ADEM Tracking ID: 2012-146-NRDA

Dear Ms. Willis,

The ADEM has reviewed NOAA's determination of coastal consistency for the above referenced projects. The ADEM **concurs** with the NOAA's determination that the proposal is consistent with the enforceable policies of the Alabama Coastal Area Management Program to the extent that these activities have been defined by the current level of planning and design contained in the Phase 1 DERP.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact J. Scott Brown by email at <u>isb@adem.state.al.us</u> or by phone at (251) 432-6533.

Sincerely,

Steven O. Jenkins, Chief Field Operations Division

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