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Public Review and Feedback Period October 5-26, 2011

The Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force has held a series of public meetings and listening sessions to gather input from local stakeholders for use in developing the Gulf of Mexico Regional Ecosystem Restoration Strategy (Preliminary). In addition, we have accepted online discussion in conjunction with those meetings. Public views received during this process have been presented to the Task Force Members and Staff. Beginning October 5, 2011, the Gulf of Mexico Regional Ecosystem Restoration Strategy (Preliminary) will be available for public review and feedback.

In order to make it easy for the public to provide feedback and make the public review process as transparent as possible, the Task Force is using the features and capabilities of Regulations.gov, an electronic public docket and on-line comment system that allows federal agencies to post documents for public review and feedback. (A docket serves as a container for information related to a particular action). Although Regulations.gov is routinely used to obtain public comment on proposed regulatory actions, it also allows agencies to solicit and post on-line public comments on a particular agency action and/or initiative, such as the Gulf of Mexico Regional Ecosystem Restoration Strategy (Preliminary), which is NOT a regulatory action.

The Task Force has created a docket on Regulations.gov, identified by Docket ID No. **EPA-HQ-OA-2011-0798**, where you can find the Gulf of Mexico Regional Ecosystem Restoration Strategy (Preliminary).

You can submit comments on Gulf of Mexico Regional Ecosystem Restoration Strategy (Preliminary) in one of the following ways. All comments received, regardless of format, will be posted to the on-line docket as they are received and made available to the Task Force Members. **Comments will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. ET October 26, 2011.**

- **www.Regulations.gov Web Comment Form:** Search Docket ID No. **EPA-HQ-OA-2011-0798**
Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- **Email:** oei.docket@epa.gov
- **Fax:** (202) 566-9744
- **Mail:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center
Office of Environmental Information Docket, Mail Code 28221T
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20460
- **Hand Deliver:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center
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1301 Constitution Ave., NW
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