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Mike Utzler  
Unified Area Commander  
BP America Inc.  
501 WestLake Park Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77079

Re: Waste Management Operations

Dear Mr. Utzler:

I understand BP collected solid waste from sites in Mississippi and intended to dispose of the waste locally in a landfill included within the Waste Management Plan for the Deepwater Horizon spill. Local officials and residents requested you not dispose of that waste in the local, approved, landfill. BP agreed not to dispose of the waste in that landfill.

Allowing one community to reject acceptance of waste to a permitted, centrally-located landfill may complicate remaining waste disposal efforts throughout the Unified Area Command, and in particular may make an even distribution of waste throughout all of the approved landfills difficult. BP must follow the approved waste plans and should continue to base their waste management decisions on best waste management practices and operational factors. These include utilizing the waste management facilities identified in the plans, which are properly designed and permitted facilities, using those located in close proximity to the waste generation, and avoiding disproportionately adverse impacts on minority and low income groups. By following these practices environmental risks will be minimized. In accordance with the Community Relations provisions of the BP Waste Management Plan, keep local communities informed of ongoing waste management actions related to oil spill wastes. Finally, concerns about waste disposal can be mitigated by emphasizing recycling waste. I urge you to explore means to reduce the waste stream generated by this response.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul F. Zkunft".

PAUL F. ZKUNFT  
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard  
Federal On-Scene Coordinator

cc: Transocean Holdings Incorporated  
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