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April 30, 2010

Mr. Lamar McKay
Chairman and President
BP America, Inc.
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Dear Mr. McKay:

An economic and environmental catastrophe appears to be unfolding in the Gulf of Mexico. A key question, which the Committee is examining, is what caused the explosion on the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig and the oil spill now spreading across the Gulf. Answering this question as soon as possible will help prevent future incidents and inform the direction of our national energy policy.

As part of the Committee's on-going investigation, the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations will hold a hearing on May 12, 2010, at 10 a.m. in Room 2123 of the Rayburn House Office Building to examine the cause of the oil spill. We request your testimony at this hearing.

In order to assist the Committee with its preparation for the hearing, we ask that you provide the Committee with any documents in your possession or that you have prepared that relate to the causes or potential causes of the Deepwater Horizon rig incident. In addition, we request copies of any complaints from BP workers submitted to the company's ombudsman, Judge Stanley Sporkin, concerning construction and engineering concerns at any of the company's deepwater projects. We ask that you provide these documents by Friday, May 7, 2010. An attachment to this letter provides additional information on how to respond to Committee document requests.

We understand that efforts to control the oil spill are ongoing and we do not want to interfere with those efforts. With an incident of this magnitude, however, the Congress has a need to understand what happened, why it happened, and what steps are needed to prevent similar incidents in the future. Your cooperation will help answer these questions.

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We appreciate your assistance with the Committee's investigation. If you have questions regarding this request, please contact Meredith Fuchs of the Committee staff at (202) 226-2424.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman
Chairman



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The Honorable Michael C. Burgess
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