



National Commission on the  
BP DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL  
AND OFFSHORE DRILLING

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Commissioners

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The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment  
House Committee on Energy and Commerce  
2125 Rayburn Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Richard Lazarus  
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Dear Congressman Markey:

Commission Co-Chairs Senator Bob Graham and William Reilly have asked me to respond on their behalf to your letters of September 28 and October 5.

Thank you for the information you provide in both letters concerning the flow rate estimates. We appreciate in particular having the benefit of the Subcommittee's timeline of events, as well as Admiral Allen's responses to your written questions of July 30. This information will be extremely helpful to the Commissioners during their deliberations, which commence next week.

Last week, the Commission released four Draft Staff Working Papers, one of which discusses the flow rate estimates, as well as the fate of the oil. We provided those working papers to your staff, and hope that they will add to the record you are developing on these issues.

Once again, thank you for your letters. Please do not hesitate to have your staff contact me if I can provide any assistance in the future.

Sincerely,

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State Relations