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June 8, 2010

The Honorable William J. McCoy
Speaker
Mississippi House of Representatives
P. O. Box 1018
Jackson, MS 39215-1018

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In response to your letter to Doug Suttles, Chief Operating Officer for BP Exploration & Production, I regret that we are unable to accommodate your invitation to participate Wednesday or Thursday in the hearing of the Mississippi House of Representatives Select Committee on the Gulf Coast Disaster.

We at BP take very seriously the desire of the Select Committee to gather information on the circumstances on the Mississippi coast relative to the oil spill. We are committed to meeting regularly with stakeholders along the Gulf Coast and to providing briefings for government officials on a regular basis, and we will continue to remain engaged in this way. When we meet with the Committee, it will be important for us to have appropriate BP representatives who are implementing the strategic response plan for Mississippi and working in the Mississippi Gulf Coast area. Unfortunately, the appropriate individuals are not available this week. We would be pleased to work with the Select Committee to identify a day in the near future for another meeting of the Committee – either in Jackson or on the Coast where the Committee also can visit incident response operations.

Mr. Speaker, again, we regret that we are not able to participate this week. We look forward to working with the Committee to identify other dates when the Committee might be able to meet and BP representatives will be able to participate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret D. Laney".

Margaret D. Laney
Mississippi Coordinator for Public and Government Affairs
BP America Inc.

CC: Honorable J. P. Compretta,
Chairman, House Select Committee on
Gulf Coast Disaster