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Robin Bullock
NRD Director
BP Exploration & Production Inc.
501 Westlake Park Boulevard
Houston, Texas 77079

RE: Your Letter Regarding UV Fluorescence Method Being Used in Avian Studies

Dear Ms. Bullock:

The Natural Resource Trustees have received and considered your letter to Cynthia Dohner, dated April 11, 2011, regarding the use of UV fluorescence in avian studies being undertaken as part of the natural resource damage assessment (NRDA) for the Deepwater Horizon/MC252 oil spill. Your letter expresses technical concerns regarding the methodology, encourages further evaluation of the method, requests development of a UV SOP and seeks further discussions regarding use of this methodology as well as the data collected to date. We expect to soon provide to BP the Trustees' plans for evaluating the use of UV as an aspect of the continuing assessment of injuries to birds, and expect that discussions of those plans will then occur with BP's representatives. Because UV methods may be in use or contemplated for use in other, non-avian plans, your letter has also been shared with the Leads for both the Fish and Shoreline TWGs for similar consideration.

A copy of your letter will be placed in the Administrative Record for the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) for the Deepwater Horizon/MC252 Oil Spill (MC252 NRDA AR), as you requested, together with a copy of this response. The MC252 AR is available online at: <http://www.doi.gov/deepwaterhorizon/adminrecord/index.cfm>.

Sincerely,

Greg Masson, Ph.D.
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