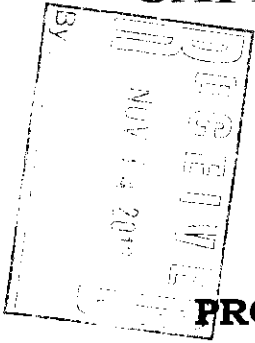


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## **DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL; DRAFT PHASE II EARLY RESTORATION PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of Draft Phase II Early Restoration Plan and Environmental Review for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

**TRUSTEES:** Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office; Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority; Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality; Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; Louisiana Department of Natural Resources; Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; Geological Survey of Alabama; Florida Department of Environmental Protection; Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality; Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; Texas General Land Office; and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; U.S. Department of Interior, as represented by the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Commerce; U.S. Department of Agriculture; and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA), the Louisiana Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act (OSPRA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Framework Agreement for Early Restoration Addressing Injuries Resulting from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill ("Framework Agreement"), the Trustees have prepared a Draft Phase II Early Restoration Plan and Environmental Review (the "DERP/ER") proposing early restoration projects intended to continue the process of restoring natural resources and services injured or lost as a result of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill (the "Spill"), which occurred on or about April 20, 2010, in the Gulf of Mexico. The Trustees previously released to the public a Draft Phase I Early Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment in December 2011, which was approved as final in February 2012. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the DERP/ER's availability and seek written comments on the proposed restoration alternatives presented therein. Notice is hereby given that the DERP/ER was made available to the public and the public comment period was opened on November 6, 2012.

**AVAILABILITY:** You may download the DERP/ER at <http://losco-dwh.com/>. Alternatively, you may request a CD of the DERP/ER by submitting a request to [Karolien.Debusschere@la.gov](mailto:Karolien.Debusschere@la.gov). You may also review hard copies of the DERP/ER at the public repositories listed at <http://losco-dwh.com/>.

**PUBLIC MEETING:** A public meeting will be held to facilitate public review and comment on the DERP/ER at the Escambia County Central Complex Building, Room 104, 3363 West Park Place, Pensacola, Florida on November 13, 2012 from 6:00-9:00 PM CST. Both written and verbal public comments will be taken at the meeting.

**SUBMITTING COMMENTS:** Public comments on the DERP/ER received on or before December 10, 2012 will be considered. Comments on the DERP/ER may be submitted by one of the methods listed in the DERP/ER or by any of the following:

- Via the Web at <http://losco-dwh.com/EarlyRestorationPlanning.aspx>
- For electronic submission of comments containing attachments, email: [Karolien.Debusschere@la.gov](mailto:Karolien.Debusschere@la.gov)
- At the public meeting
- Via U.S. Mail: Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office, P.O. Box 66614, Baton Rouge, LA 70806 or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 2099, Fairhope, AL 36533.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment including your personal identifying information, may be publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Contact Karolien Debusschere at [Karolien.Debusschere@la.gov](mailto:Karolien.Debusschere@la.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Trustees are conducting the natural resource damage assessment for the Spill under the Oil Pollution Act 1990 (OPA; 33 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq.). Pursuant to OPA, federal and state agencies and Indian tribes may act as trustees on behalf of the public to assess natural resource injuries and losses and to determine the damages required to compensate the public for those injuries and losses. OPA further instructs the designated trustees to develop and implement a plan for the restoration, rehabilitation, replacement, or acquisition of the equivalent of the injured natural resources under their trusteeship.

On April 20, 2011, BP agreed to provide up to \$1 billion toward early restoration projects in the Gulf of Mexico to address injuries to natural resources caused by the Spill. The Framework Agreement represents a preliminary step toward the restoration of injured natural resources and is intended to expedite the start of restoration in the Gulf in advance of the completion of the injury assessment process.

In addition to the initial eight projects finalized in the Phase I Early Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment, the Trustees are proposing two additional projects as set forth in the DERP/ER, in accordance with OPA and NEPA. The projects proposed in the DERP/ER are not intended to, and do not fully, address all injuries caused by the spill or provide the extent of restoration needed to satisfy claims against BP.

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