
Deepwater Horizon/Mississippi Canyon 252 Oil Spill

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First Amendment to the Emergency Restoration Plan For Response
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December 5, 2011

First Amendment: September 17, 2013

Approvals

The undersigned parties approve the following emergency restoration activities, under the terms of the EMERGENCY RESTORATION IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT for the MC-252 Oil Spill.

APPROVED:



BP Representative: *Lisa D. Hauke*

9/20/2013

Date



Trustee Representative

9-17-2013

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Background

The Mississippi Canyon 252/Deepwater Horizon Emergency Restoration Plan For Response Impacts to Seagrasses in Northern Gulf of Mexico ("Work Plan"; date of the signed plan: December 5, 2011) is a signed cooperative plan covering emergency restoration actions and financial costs for the prevention and reduction of further loss to seagrasses injured as a result of response efforts to protect shorelines and wildlife from oiling during the MC 252 oil spill. This first amendment, dated September 17, 2013, extends the period during which BP and the Trustees will negotiate an agreement to provide for long-term monitoring to April 1, 2014. The Work Plan originally specified that such an agreement would be negotiated prior to April 1, 2013, which at the time of its writing, would have provided approximately one year from the time restoration actions were tentatively scheduled to be implemented. However, due to delays receiving regulatory approvals/permits and seasonal constraints governing this work, it was necessary for NOAA to postpone project implementation until early 2013. Extending the date for negotiating long-term monitoring will preserve the relative sequencing from the original schedule that was intended to allow consideration of short-term monitoring results in the development of a long-term monitoring approach.

First Work Plan

The first Work Plan is amended or supplemented as follows:

Page 18, "Long Term Monitoring/Assessment of Restoration Actions"

Long-term monitoring of restored response-related seagrass injuries will be provided for in a separate agreement to be negotiated prior to April 1, 2014. In the event that an agreement cannot be finalized by this deadline, the parties will enter into an agreement to conduct monitoring during the 2014 northern GOM SAV growing season.

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Except as amended herein, all provisions of the December 5, 2011 Emergency Restoration Plan For Response Impacts to Seagrasses in Northern Gulf of Mexico remain in effect.