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The Honorable Edward J. Markey
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Environment
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6113

Re: Response to Chairman Markey's Correspondence, Dated May 14, 2010, to Mr. Lamar McKay, President and CEO of BP America, Inc.

Dear Chairman Markey:

I am writing on behalf of BP America, Inc. (“BPA”) in response to your May 14, 2010 letter to Mr. Lamar McKay. We very much appreciate the importance of providing reliable and timely information regarding the flow of oil from the damaged wellhead in the Gulf of Mexico. With that objective in mind and in the spirit of cooperation and transparency that has informed all of our efforts to date, BPA is providing the responses below to your questions and the accompanying documents, identified by the Bates-range BP-HZN-CEC 020095 – 020107.

As you know, the estimate of 5,000 barrels per day is a Unified Command estimate, not a BP estimate. The primary methods which Unified Command has used to estimate the amount of oil flowing from the well are summarized below and in the attached materials, identified as BP-HZN-CEC 020103 - BP-HZN-CEC 020106. The range varies from about 1,000 barrels per day to roughly 15,000 barrels per day, with a best scientific guess of roughly 5,000 barrels per day—the number that Unified Command has used repeatedly and has made clear is only a rough estimate.

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