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Subject: Aerial dispersant temp increase

Sir
Current joint FOSC/EPA directive to BP requires minimizing total dispersant use, particularly aerial, and I am approving application plans on a daily basis.

WX for the next several days will reduce effectiveness of burning and skimming. Oil surveillance indicates significant offshore patches ripe for aerial dispersant.

I just wanted to give you a heads up because I will likely be approving higher rates which is contrary to the directive, but may be the only mitigation tool for a few days due to wx conditions. Lisa Jackson will likely express be notified and say something to you. I am coordinating everything through the interagency process (RRT, NRT) and will be prepared to explain as necessary.

v/r
Jim

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