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RE: U.S. Department of the Interior and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration –  
Natural Resource Damage Assessment – Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill; Draft Phase IV  
Early Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessments.  
SAI # FL201505267297C

Dear Ms. Willis:

The Florida State Clearinghouse has coordinated the state's review of the referenced Draft Phase IV Early Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessments (ERP/EA) under the following authorities: Presidential Executive Order 12372; § 403.061(42), *Florida Statutes*; the Coastal Zone Management Act (16 U.S.C. §§ 1451 *et seq.*, as amended); and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 4321-4347, as amended).

Based on the information contained in the Draft Phase IV ERP/EA and state agency staff review, the state has determined that, at this stage, the proposed federal activities are consistent with the Florida Coastal Management Program (FCMP). The state's continued concurrence will be based on the activities' compliance with FCMP authorities, including federal and state monitoring of the activities to ensure their continued conformance, and the adequate resolution of any issues identified during subsequent regulatory reviews. The state's final concurrence of the projects' consistency with the FCMP will be determined during the environmental permitting process, if applicable, in accordance with Section 373.428, *Florida Statutes*.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft document. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please don't hesitate to contact me at [Lauren.Milligan@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Lauren.Milligan@dep.state.fl.us) or (850) 245-2170.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lauren P. Milligan".

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