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May 4, 2011

DEEPWATER HORIZON Investigation
Parties-in-Interest

Dear Sir or Madam:

In keeping with the instruction to all parties to bring forward information that is of direct significance to the Joint Investigation Team and as specifically mentioned during the public hearings in April 2011, I am writing to follow-up on the opportunity for Parties-In-Interest (PIIs) to provide input to the Coast Guard on matters which may advance the investigation.

PIIs may submit to the Coast Guard input on the following matters: the explosions, the resulting fire, evacuations, the flooding and sinking of the Deepwater Horizon, and the safety systems onboard the Deepwater Horizon. PIIs are encouraged to submit input as soon as possible. To ensure the Coast Guard has suitable time to consider PII input, all submissions must be received no later than 12:00 P.M. EST on June 1, 2011. Any PII input received after the deadline may not necessarily be considered. Input may be submitted electronically to Mr. Timothy Farley via email at Timothy.J.Farley@uscg.mil with copy to LCDR Jeff Bray at Jeff.R.Bray@uscg.mil. Input may also be faxed or mailed to my office at the number and address listed above.

The Coast Guard does not intend to provide individual responses to PII's who submit input. Furthermore, PIIs are not required to submit input. The Coast Guard will not consider any comments or input that addresses matters that are not under the Coast Guard purview. In addition, we will not consider comments regarding another PII's input to the Coast Guard.

As you may know, the Coast Guard members of the JIT have released their findings related to issues under Coast Guard jurisdiction. The findings, which comprise Volume I of the Joint Investigation Team Report, were finalized and submitted to the Commandant of the Coast Guard for action. Final Agency Action on the report is expected to be completed by July 27, 2011.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Timothy Farley of my staff at (202) 372-1031 or via email.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Timothy J. Farley, for".

David S. Fish
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Chief, Office of Investigations and Analysis
By Direction