

EXHIBIT 1



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SENT VIA EMAIL: steve.o'rourke@usdoj.gov

Dear Mr. O'Rourke:

The Consent Decree provides that each Gulf State "may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed Consent Decree if comments received during the public comment procedure disclose facts or considerations indicating that the proposed Consent Decree or any of its terms is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate." C.D. ¶ 81.

After consulting the appropriate State agencies, I write to confirm that the State of Louisiana does not wish to withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed Consent Decree, and in fact the State believes that the Consent Decree should be approved by the Court and entered as a final judgment.

I understand that the United States will file a motion for the Court to approve the Consent Decree and enter it as a final judgment. The State supports the request for entry, and I hereby authorize you to attach this letter as an exhibit to the Motion.

Sincerely,

JEFF LANDRY
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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI



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March 18, 2016

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Dear Mr. O'Rourke:

The Consent Decree provides that each Gulf State "may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed Consent Decree if comments received during the public comment procedure disclose facts or considerations indicating that the proposed Consent Decree or any of its terms is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate." C.D. 81.

After consulting the appropriate State agencies, I write to confirm that the State of Mississippi does not wish to withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed Consent Decree, and in fact the State believes that the Consent Decree should be approved by the Court and entered as a final judgment.

I understand that the United States will file a motion for the Court to approve the Consent Decree and enter it as a final judgment. The State supports the request for entry, and I hereby authorize you to attach this letter as an exhibit to the Motion.

Sincerely,

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Mary Jo Woods
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KEN PAXTON
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March 16, 2016

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Re: *In Re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico on April 20, 2010*, MDL 2179, In the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana

Dear Mr. O'Rourke:

The proposed Consent Decree in the referenced case provides that each Gulf State "may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed Consent Decree if comments received during the public comment procedure disclose facts or considerations indicating that the proposed Consent Decree or any of its terms is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate." C.D. ¶ 81.

After consulting the appropriate State agencies, I write to confirm that the State of Texas does not wish to withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed Consent Decree, and in fact the State believes that the Consent Decree should be approved by the Court and entered as a final judgment.

In addition, pursuant to Texas law, notice of the proposed settlement was posted in the Texas Register. 40 Tex. Reg. 7263 (Oct. 16, 2015). No public comment was received and the Attorney General of Texas has approved this settlement. *See* Tex. Water Code §7.110.

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I understand that the United States will file a motion for the Court to approve the Consent Decree and enter it as a final judgment. The State supports the request for entry, and I hereby authorize you to attach this letter as an exhibit to the Motion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. H. Edwards". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "H".

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Dear Mr. O'Rourke:

The Consent Decree provides that each Gulf State "may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed Consent Decree if comments received during the public comment procedure disclose facts or considerations indicating that the proposed Consent Decree or any of its terms is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate." C.D. ¶ 81.

After consulting the Attorney General and counsel for the Governor and State Trustees, I write to confirm that Alabama does not wish to withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed Consent Decree. In fact, Alabama believes that the Consent Decree should be approved by the Court and entered as a final judgment.

I understand that the United States will file a motion for the Court to approve the Consent Decree and enter it as a final judgment. Alabama supports the request for entry, and I hereby authorize you to attach this letter as an exhibit to that motion.

Sincerely,



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March 17, 2016

Dear Mr. O'Rourke:

The Consent Decree provides that each Gulf State “may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed Consent Decree if comments received during the public comment procedure disclose facts or considerations indicating that the proposed Consent Decree or any of its terms is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate.” C.D. ¶ 81.

After consulting the appropriate State agencies, I write to confirm that the State of Florida does not wish to withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed Consent Decree, and in fact the State believes that the Consent Decree should be approved by the Court and entered as a final judgment.

I understand that the United States will file a motion for the Court to approve the Consent Decree and enter it as a final judgment. The State supports the request for entry, and I hereby authorize you to attach this letter as an exhibit to the Motion.

Sincerely,


Kenneth von Schaumburg

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