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Readout From BOEMRE Director Bromwich's Meeting with BP Senior Executives

WASHINGTON, DC – Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) Director Michael R. Bromwich met today with BP senior executives, including Chief Operating Officer Doug Suttles and Vice President of Operations Richard Morrison. The meeting was to brief Director Bromwich on the details of BP's report, "Deepwater Horizon Containment and Response: Harnessing Capabilities and Lessons Learned." The report was requested by Director Bromwich at a meeting with Suttles and other BP senior executives on August 5, 2010.

The meeting, one of many such discussions that have been and will continue to be held with industry representatives, technical experts, academics, conservation groups and other stakeholders following the Deepwater Horizon incident, focused on lessons learned thus far from BP's containment and response efforts. BOEMRE will share the report with other officials in the Department of the Interior, as well as other appropriate federal agencies within the Administration. Director Bromwich and department staff will continue to seek additional information and clarification as they carefully review BP's report. These discussions are part of BOEMRE's ongoing work to evaluate current deepwater drilling safety, containment and response procedures as it works to strengthen all aspects of offshore regulation.

In his July 12, 2010, decision regarding the current 6-month suspension on deepwater drilling, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar asked Director Bromwich to engage in a series of fact finding meetings and public forums to gather information about deepwater drilling safety reforms, well containment, and oil spill response. The Director will use this information to deliver recommendations to the Secretary regarding any appropriate modifications to the scope or duration of the suspensions currently scheduled to last until November 30.

A PDF version of the report (1793.94 KB PDF) is attached.

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