



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

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Mr. Lamar McKay  
President, BP America  
501 West Lake Park Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77079

Dear Mr. McKay:

As Florida continues to prepare our natural resources for imminent impact from the Deepwater Horizon Oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, I would like to thank you for the resources BP has provided to date, including the previous \$25 million grant to cover Florida's costs related to the event. Over the past several weeks, Florida's state agencies and local governments have worked very hard to protect Florida's pristine beaches and sensitive ecosystems.

Due to the extensive nature of this disaster, Florida's state agencies and local governments have incurred significant costs associated with planning and preparing for potential impacts and we have exhausted the initial \$25 million provided pursuant to our May 6, 2010, agreement. To date, we have spent, obligated or project to contract:

- More than \$30 million on supplemental protective measures, and
- Approximately \$20 million on incremental local and state preparedness and response support costs during the first 30 days of operation (first responders, critical training, EOC operations, support equipment and supplies, etc.) and projected for an additional 30 days.

While the initial \$25 million provided to each impacted state has helped to cover preparedness costs to date, the impact to Florida's peninsula could impact over 770 gulf miles. In light of the existing cost to Florida's state and local governments and the need to further prepare additional coastline for potential impacts and as a result of numerous uncertainties associated with the longevity of this event, I must ask that BP once again honor its commitment to assist the Sunshine State by providing an additional \$50 million to allow Florida to continue our efforts. It is critical that Florida be provided the resources to respond swiftly and effectively to safeguard our shores and estuaries from the continued potential impact to our shores. Please be assured that detailed records shall be kept regarding the use of grant funds and which will be submitted to BP on an annual basis.

Thank you for your continued support of Florida's environment, economy and people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charlie Crist".

Charlie Crist