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The Honorable Edward J. Markey
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment
Energy and Commerce Committee
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of May 21 in which you asked Halliburton, BP, and Transocean to establish a fund that would be managed by an independent entity to make funding available to researchers in academia and other independent institutions to monitor and mitigate the potential environmental effects of the Deepwater Horizon spill.

We at Halliburton share your concern about the environmental impacts of the disaster, but we do not share your assessment that Halliburton is among the companies that "bear[s] complete responsibility" for it. Halliburton is confident that the cementing work on the Mississippi Canyon 252 well was completed in accordance with the requirements of the well owner's well construction plan.

Much work lies ahead to assess what led to the catastrophe and the resulting environmental effects caused by the blowout. We are committed to doing our part to find answers. As I testified before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on May 12, "Halliburton looks forward to working with you, your colleagues, and your staff to understand what happened and what we collectively can do in the future to ensure that oil and gas production in the United States is undertaken in the safest, most environmentally responsible manner possible." Since then, the President has announced formation of the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling. We look forward to working with its leadership to help ascertain what went wrong and what we collectively should do as an industry to enhance safety and protection of the environment going forward.

Sincerely yours,



Tim Probert

cc: Honorable Henry A. Waxman, Chairman
Joe Barton, Ranking Member
Fred Upton, Ranking Member