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Dear Ms. Bromm:

This letter is to inform you that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is adopting the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement contained in the U.S. Department of the Interior's *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill Final Programmatic and Phase III Early Restoration Plan and Final Early Restoration Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (Final Phase III ERP/PEIS). NOAA served as a cooperating agency on this PEIS. The availability of the Final Phase III ERP/PEIS was published in the Federal Register on June 27, 2014 and is entered in EPA's database as, "PROGRAMMATIC - *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill: Phase III Early Restoration Plan", EIS Number 20140182.

NOAA has determined that the Final Phase III ERP/PEIS adequately analyzes and discloses the environmental impacts associated with this action. Therefore, NOAA intends to adopt the Final Early Restoration PEIS for purposes of its compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and agency decision-making purposes.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Responsible Official noted below or NOAA's Office of Program Planning and Integration at 301-713-1632.

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