

INTERIM AGREEMENT

This sets forth the terms of an Interim Agreement relating to the use of controlled burns in the Gulf of Mexico to minimize the impacts of oil coming from the Deepwater Horizon wellhead and the parties' shared interest in minimizing any adverse impacts from such burns on sea turtles. The Parties understand that no controlled burns are planned before Tuesday, July 6, 2010. The Interim Agreement is between the United States Coast Guard (the "Coast Guard"), BP Exploration & Production Inc. ("BP"), the Animal Welfare Institute ("AWI"), the Center for Biological Diversity ("CBD"), the Turtle Island Restoration Network ("TIRN"), and the Animal Legal Defense Fund ("ALDF") (together, the "Organizations"). The Parties agree to the following:

1. As soon as possible, appropriate scientists and other representatives of the Parties, which will include members of the Unified Area Command, specifically, but not limited to, Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service, will meet and confer to discuss (i) the methods now being employed by the Coast Guard and other entities to minimize any adverse impacts from controlled burns on sea turtles, and (ii) any enhancements to such methods which could and/or should be taken to further minimize any adverse impacts.
2. Following the technical meeting described in paragraph 1, the Coast Guard promptly will review, and to the extent the Coast Guard deems it appropriate and practical, revise and issue or reissue draft Standard Protocols for Sea Turtle Observation and Rescue ("Standard Protocols") to minimize any adverse impacts from controlled burns on sea turtles. The Coast Guard will ensure that a copy of any draft Standard Protocols are provided to the Organizations. The Organizations will promptly provide comments on any revised Standard Protocols to the Coast Guard, and the Parties shall confer in good faith regarding any comments the Organizations offer. The Coast Guard will undertake its efforts under this paragraph either by itself, to the extent of its authority, and/or will use its best efforts to facilitate such results through its role in the Unified Area Command.
3. The Organizations have withdrawn without prejudice their motion for a temporary restraining order captioned *Animal Welfare Institute, et al. v. BP PLC, et al.* in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana filed on June 30, 2010, but reserve their right to refile such a motion. The Parties reserve all their rights and defenses with respect to such motion should one be refiled.
4. By noon Tuesday, July 6, 2010, the Coast Guard will give the Organizations a report on the current practice regarding the participation of observers in controlled burns, in order for plaintiffs to determine whether they believe immediate judicial relief is necessary.

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