112th CONGRESS:
HEARINGS HELD IN RESPONSE TO THE GULF OIL SPILL

November 2, 2011

- House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation
- Title: "Assuring the Safety of Domestic Energy Production: Lessons Learned from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill"
- Witnesses:
  - Rear Admiral Paul Zukunft, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship, United States Coast Guard
  - Vice Admiral Roger Rufe, USCG Ret., Chairman, Incident Specific Preparedness Review for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill
  - Stephen Caldwell, Director for Homeland Security and Justice Issues at the Government Accountability Office
  - Frank Rusco, Director for Natural Resources and the Environment at the Government Accountability Office

October 27, 2011

- House Natural Resources Committee
- Title: “Gulf Coast Recovery: President Obama's BP Compensation Fund: How Is It Working?”
- Witnesses:
  - Kenneth R. Feinberg, Gulf Coast Claims Facility Administrator

October 18, 2011

- Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
- Purpose: Hearing on the response capability and readiness for oil spills in foreign outer continental shelf waters adjacent to US waters
- Witnesses:
  - Michael Bromwich, Director of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement
  - Vice Admiral Brian Salerno, Deputy Commandant for Operations for the U.S. Coast Guard
  - Jorge Piñon, Visiting Research Fellow, Latin American and Caribbean Center, Cuban Research Institute, Florida International University
  - Paul Schuler, President & CEO of Clean Caribbean & Americas
  - Mark Myers, Vice Chancellor for Research at the University of Alaska Fairbanks
October 13, 2011

- House Natural Resources Committee
- Purpose: Hearing on BOEMRE (Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement)/US Coast Guard Joint Investigation Team Report
- Witnesses:
  - Captain Hung Nguyen, Co-Chair of the Joint Investigation Team, U.S. Coast Guard
  - David Dykes, Co-Chair of the Joint Investigation Team, Former BOEMRE Staff
  - Vice Admiral Brian Salerno, Deputy Commandant for Operations for the U.S. Coast Guard
  - Michael Bromwich, Director of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement
  - Ray Dempsey, Vice President at BP America
  - James Bement, Vice President, Sperry Drilling, Halliburton
  - Bill Ambrose, Managing Director of the North America Division for Transocean

October 12, 2011

- House Natural Resources Committee
- Title: “One Year after President Obama's Gulf of Mexico 6-Month Moratorium Officially Lifted: Examining the Lingering Impacts on Jobs, Energy Production and Local Economies"
- Witnesses:
  - Sean Shafer, Manager of Consulting and Senior Market Analyst for Quest Offshore Resources
  - Al Reese, Jr., Chief Financial Officer for ATP Oil & Gas Corporation
  - Chris Auer, Principal, Crevalle Management Services
  - Cory Kief, President of Offshore Towing
  - Captain Bob Zales, President of the National Association of Charterboat Operators
  - Bruce Craul, CEO for Legendary, Inc. and Incoming Chairman of the Board of the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association
  - Dr. Fernando Galvez, Assistant Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at Louisiana State University

September 23, 2011

- House Natural Resources Committee
- Purpose: To discuss the BOEMRE/U.S. Coast Guard Joint Investigation Team Report, which focuses on the findings of the investigation into the Deepwater Horizon Gulf Coast oil spill
• Witnesses:
  o Rear Admiral Paul Zukunft, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security, and Stewardship, United States Coast Guard
  o David Kennedy, Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
  o The Honorable Grover Robinson, Commissioner of Escambia County, Florida
  o Dr. R. Eugene Turner, Chaired Professor, Distinguished Research Master, and Distinguished Faculty, Louisiana State University
  o Erik Milito, Group Director for Upstream Operations, American Petroleum Institute
  o Jim Ayers, Senior Advisor, Ocean Conservancy

**July 20, 2011**

• Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard
• Purpose: To discuss lessons learned in prevention, response and restoration one year after the Deepwater Horizon accident
• Witnesses:
  o Rear Admiral Paul Zukunft, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security, and Stewardship, United States Coast Guard
  o David Kennedy, Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
  o The Honorable Grover Robinson, Commissioner of Escambia County, Florida
  o Dr. R. Eugene Turner, Chaired Professor, Distinguished Research Master, and Distinguished Faculty, Louisiana State University
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**July 11, 2011**

• Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee
• Field hearing in Pensacola, Florida hosted by Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL)
• Purpose: To discuss the status of recovery efforts in Florida one year after the Deepwater Horizon oil spill
• Witnesses:
  o Mr. Adam H. Putnam, Commissioner, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
  o Mr. Joe Gilchrist, Owner, Flora-Bama Lounge, Package, and Oyster Bar
  o Mr. Collier Merrill, Chairman, Pensacola Chamber of Commerce
Captain Bob Zales, President, National Association of Charterboat Operators (NACO)

**June 28, 2011**

- Senate Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife
- Purpose: To discuss the status of the Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)
- Witnesses:
  - Ms. Cynthia Dohner, Regional Director, Southeast Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - Mr. Tony Penn, Deputy Chief of the Assessment and Restoration Division, Office of Response and Restoration, NOAA
  - Dr. Donald F. Boesch, Ph.D., Professor of Marine Science and President of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, Member of the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling
  - Dr. Margaret Leinen, Ph.D., Vice-Chair of the Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative Research Board, Executive Director of the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, Associate Provost for Marine and Environmental Initiatives at Florida Atlantic University
  - Dr. Erik Rifkin, Ph.D., Interim Executive Director, National Aquarium Conservation Center, National Aquarium
  - Mr. Garret Graves, Chair, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority
  - Mr. R. Cooper Shattuck, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the NRDA Trustee Council, Legal Advisor to the Governor of Alabama

**June 8, 2011**

- Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee: “Markup of S. 183, Deepwater Horizon Survivor’s Fairness Act”
- Purpose: Full Committee markup on pending legislation, including S. 183

**May 19, 2011**

- Senate Judiciary Committee: “Markup of S. 350, the Environmental Crimes Enforcement Act”

**May 18, 2011**
• Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee: “Hearing on Pending Oil and Gas Development Legislation”
  • Purpose: To hear testimony on the following bills related to oil and gas development:
    - S. 516 (Lease Extension and Secure Energy Act of 2011)
    - S. 843 (Outer Continental Shelf Permit Processing Coordination Act)
    - S. 916 (Oil and Gas Facilitation Act of 2011)
    - S. 917 (Outer Continental Shelf Reform Act of 2011)
  • Witnesses:
    - The Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senate, Alaska
    - The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Senate, Texas
    - The Honorable Ken Salazar, Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior
    - Admiral Thad W. Allen, (Ret.), U.S. Coast Guard, National Incident Commander, Unified Command
    - Dr. Nancy Leveson, Professor of Aeronautics, Astronautics and Engineering Systems, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
    - Mr. Jack Coleman, Managing Partner and General Counsel, EnergyNorthAmerica, LLC

April 18, 2011

• House Natural Resources Committee: “Gulf of Mexico: A Focus on Community Recovery and New Response Technology”
  • Purpose: to learn more about the status of community recovery efforts, on-going obstacles to getting people in all industries back to work, the environmental impacts and new technology to ensure that offshore drilling can more forward safely and responsibly
  • Witnesses:
    - Jerome Zerinque, Deputy Executive Director, Office of Coastal Activities, Office of the Governor
    - Michael C. Voisin, Owner & CEO, Motivatit Seafoods, LLC.
    - Lori Davis, President, RigChem
    - Kim Chauvin, Owner, Mariah Jade Shrimp Company
    - Lori LeBlanc, Executive Director, Gulf Economic Survival Team
    - Ryan Lambert, Cajun Fishing Adventures
    - Brenda Dardar Robichaux, Principal Chief (Ex Officio), United Houma Nation
    - Owen Kratz, CEO, Helix Corporation
    - Marty Massey, CEO, Marine Well Containment Company

April 6, 2011
• House Science, Space and Technology Committee, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment: “Offshore Drilling Safety and Response Technologies”
• Purpose: to examine the status of safety-related drilling and response technologies and standards, with an emphasis on progress made since the Deepwater Horizon oil spill
• Witnesses:
  o Dr. Victor Der, Acting Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, Department of Energy
  o Mr. David Miller, Director, Standards, American Petroleum Institute
  o Mr. Owen Kratz, President and CEO, Helix Energy Solutions Group
  o Dr. Molly Macauley, Research Director and Senior Fellow, Resources for the Future

March 16, 2011

• House Committee on Natural Resources: “Obama Administration’s De Facto Moratorium in the Gulf of Mexico: Community and Economic Impacts”
• Purpose: to hear directly from citizens who are impacted by the slow-down in the rate of drilling permits issued after the Administration’s deep water drilling moratorium.
• Witnesses:
  o Scott Angelle, Secretary, Department of Natural Resources, State of Louisiana
  o Chairman Elizabeth Ames Jones, Commissioner, Railroad Commission of Texas, State of Texas
  o Charlotte A. Randolf, President, Lafourche Parish Government, State of Louisiana
  o Chett Chiasson, Executive Director, Greater Lafourche Port Commission, State of Louisiana
  o Counselor Samuel Giberga, General Counsel, Hornbeck Offshore Services, Offshore Marine Service Association
  o Christopher K. Jones, KEOGH, COX & WILSON, LTD
  o Keith Overton, Chairman, Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association, President and COO, Trade Winds Resort

March 16, 2011

• Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works: “Full Committee Hearing on the Report to the President from the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling”
• Purpose: to hear from the co-chairs of the Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill about their report and recommendations for Congressional and other action
• Witnesses:
Senator Bob Graham, Co-Chair, National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling

Honorable William Reilly, Co-Chair, National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling

February 11, 2011

- House Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation with the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment: “Improving Oil Spill Prevention and Response, Restoring Jobs, and Ensuring our Energy Security: Recommendations from the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling”
- Purpose: to examine the recommendations from the members of the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling Commission to improve oil spill prevention and response
- Witnesses:
  - Dr. Donald F. Boesch, Member, National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling
  - Mr. Terry D. Garcia, Member, National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling
  - Admiral Thad Allen, Ret., National Incident Commander, BP Deepwater Horizon Spill

January 27, 2011

- Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery: “Gulf Coast Recovery: An Examination of Claims and Social Services in the Aftermath of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill”
- Purpose: to examine the human side of the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill, including the claims process for lost wages and revenues
- Witnesses:
  - Kenneth Feinberg, Administrator, Gulf coast Claims Facility
  - Craig Bennett, Director, National Pollution Funds Center, U.S. Coast Guard
  - Ve Nguyen, Member, United Louisiana Vietnamese American Fisherfolks
  - Luke Keller, Executive Vice President, Gulf Coast Restoration Organization, BP America, Inc.
  - Rear Admiral Eric Broderick, D.D.S., M.P.H., Deputy Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
  - Tom Constanza, Executive Director, Office of Justice and Peace, Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of New Orleans
January 26, 2011

- House Committee on Natural Resources: “The Final Report from the President’s National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling”
- Purpose: to hear from the co-chairs of the Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill about their report and recommendations for Congressional and other action
- Witnesses:
  - Senator Bob Graham, Co-Chair, National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling
  - Honorable William Reilly, Former Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Co-Chair, National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling

January 26, 2011

- Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: “To Review the Report and Recommendations Issued by the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling”
- Purpose: to review the report and recommendations, including any recommendations for legislative action, issued by the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling
- Witnesses:
  - Senator Bob Graham, Co-Chair, National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling
  - Honorable William Reilly, Co-Chair, National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling