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Subj: RESPONSE OPTIONS FOR MC-20 Site

Dear Mr. Pecue:

The Unified Command (UC) acknowledged the findings of the MC-20 Sheen Source Location Workgroup (SSLWG) report dated 17 November 2017. One of the consensus findings is the primary location of the source of the oil sheens at the MC-20 site, which is a conical erosional pit that is approximately 20 feet deep and 160 feet in diameter, located on the northeast side of the jacket from the toppled production platform.

Based on this agreed upon finding, and continued observed dry/oiled gas on the surface during aerial observations from this location, appropriate response and containment options must be developed in a timely manner. As the Federal On-Scene Coordinator, I request Taylor Energy present, at a minimum, one preferred response and/or containment option to the Unified Command by 10 April 2018. Once the option(s) are received and reviewed, the UC will begin inviting industry leaders to pitch proposals to execute the plan to the UC in May 2018.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact LCDR Mike Wolfe, Chief, Incident Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard Sector New Orleans, at (504) 365-2417.

Sincerely,

W. R Arguin, Jr.
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Copy: Mr. Lars Herbst, BSEE Regional Director, Gulf of Mexico Region