

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality to Hold News Conference Concerning NRDA Process

Jackson, MS (November 9, 2010) – The Mississippi Department of Environmental

Quality (MDEQ) will hold a news conference at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, at

Fort Maurepas Park in Ocean Springs, Mississippi to announce its involvement and provide information regarding Mississippi's Natural Resources Damage Assessment

(NRDA) process resulting from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Under authority of the Oil Pollution Act, Governor Haley Barbour appointed Trudy D.

Fisher as Trustee and MDEQ as the lead agency for protecting and restoring the state's

coastal and marine natural resources. As Trustee, Fisher and MDEQ are working to ensure the state is fully compensated by those responsible for the oil spill and that restoration of natural resources is completed.

“The Natural Restoration Damage Assessment is a legal process authorized by the Oil

Pollution Act that determines the type and amount of restoration needed for compensating the public following an oil spill,” said MDEQ Executive Director, Trudy

D. Fisher. “For full restoration to take place, it is important that citizens are aware of and

have the opportunity to participate in this process. We hope the media will partner with

us in making this information available to all as we move forward.”

Photo/Video OP: Members of the media are invited to accompany MDEQ staff aboard

one of the state's oil response vessels to obtain photos and footage of the coast and of the

sampling procedures being conducted along the coast.

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