The RESTORE Act dedicated 80% of all administrative and civil penalties in connection with the Deepwater Horizon oil spill to the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund and outlines a structure by which the funds can be used to restore and protect the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, coastal wetlands, and economy of the Gulf Coast region.

Clean Water Penalties

80% to the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund

Direct Component

Council-Selected Restoration Component

Spill Impact Component

Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Science Program

Centers of Excellence Research Grants Program

35% equally divided among the five Gulf Coast States for ecosystem restoration, economic development, and tourism promotion.

30% + interest managed by the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council for ecosystem restoration under the Comprehensive Plan.

30% divided among the five Gulf Coast States according to a formula to implement State Expenditure Plans, which require approval by the Council.

2.5% + interest provided to NOAA for a monitoring, observations, science, and technology program.

2.5% + interest allocated to the Gulf Coast States for Centers of Excellence.

The estimated cumulative allocations to Mississippi, payable over 15 years through 2031, are:

**Bucket 1 - Direct Component**: $371,995,127

**Bucket 2 - Council-Selected Restoration Component**: TBD*

**Bucket 3 - Spill Impact Component**: $304,026,303

**Bucket 5 - Centers of Excellence Research Grants Program**: $26,602,403

* Bucket 2 – Council-Selected Restoration Component funds are competitively allocation between members of the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council.