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Bob Dudley
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Dear Mr. Dudley,

You are authorized to proceed with the Fishing Through Capping Stack Re-entry Procedure (2200-T2-DO-PPR-4698) submitted to me today.

The Deepwater Horizon Joint Investigation Team issued you a subpoena to remove all equipment associated with the Deepwater Horizon, including the BOP stack and capping stack. In addition to the requirement to submit a procedure and timeline to remove and replace the current BOP stack with a new BOP stack in my letter to you yesterday, I direct BP to do the following:

1. Submit to me, by August 22, 2010, a proposed procedure to raise and recover the BOP stack and the capping stack for my approval. Please ensure that the proposed procedure reflects concurrence from the on-site technical teams on which Transocean, Cameron, and other parties-in-interest are serving. The procedure should recognize and preserve the forensic and evidentiary value of the BOP stack, capping stack, and any other equipment or material removed or recovered, including but not limited to compliance with any Physical Evidence Collection directives issued by the Joint Investigation Team. The procedure should also include measures to enable capture and removal of oil in the event of a release during the procedure. The procedure may not be commenced without my prior approval.
2. Cooperate with the Joint Investigation Team and the Department of Justice Criminal Investigation Evidence Recovery Team (collectively, the Team) in the BOP stack and capping stack removal and recovery process. Team members will take custody of all equipment removed from or associated with the BOP stack or capping stack from the time it is removed from the well head and will maintain that custody throughout the lifting process.
3. Allow Team members unfettered access to observe and record the entire removal and recovery process, commencing with the preparation for detachment of the BOP stack or capping stack.

4. Provide a continuous live ROV feed of the removal and recovery process to Team members on-scene as well as to other Federal Government personnel on-shore - making a permanent recording of the supplied ROV feed(s). The live feed should contain sufficient redundancies to maintain continuous visual contact and should accurately capture the entire removal, replacement, and recovery process. Cooperate with the photographing and videotaping at all times throughout the entire process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. W. Allen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

T. W. ALLEN
Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard (Ret.)
National Incident Commander