



1           WHEREAS, under fire conditions, both of these Corexit products may evolve into  
2 and emit noxious oxides, which further endangers response workers; and

3           WHEREAS, BP is simultaneously burning the oil slick and applying Corexit  
4 dispersants, which can result in the poisoning of the air and water along Louisiana's coast;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency ordered BP to find a nontoxic  
7 dispersant to use on the oil leak due to concerns about the long-term effects of Corexit; and

8           WHEREAS, BP agreed to reduce the amount of Corexit used in the Gulf of Mexico  
9 but has continued to use Corexit in its response efforts; and

10          WHEREAS, there is presently no comprehensive monitoring program to determine  
11 how the Corexit dispersants, or other aspects of BP's response operation, will impact the  
12 marine ecosystem of the Gulf of Mexico and the coastal estuaries and marsh ecosystems of  
13 Louisiana; and

14          WHEREAS, several oil spill workers have fallen ill and hospitalized during the  
15 cleanup operations; and

16          WHEREAS, more than five hundred birds have been found dead across the leak  
17 region, and more than two hundred sea turtles and thirty mammals have also been discovered  
18 dead; and

19          WHEREAS, Louisiana's commercial and recreational seafood industries represent  
20 four billion dollars annually in economic impact to Louisiana and its coastal communities;  
21 and

22          WHEREAS, in addition to the seafood industries, Louisiana's restaurants, tourism,  
23 and other small businesses have sustained economic impacts due to the oil leak.

24          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
25 direct the Department of Environmental Quality to investigate the use of dispersants used  
26 in the Deepwater Horizon disaster and their impact on the marine ecosystem of the Gulf of  
27 Mexico and on the coastal estuaries, marsh ecosystems, fish, wildlife, and people of  
28 Louisiana and to report the findings to the House Committee on Natural Resources and  
29 Environment, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, and the Senate Committee on  
30 Environmental Quality.

1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
2 to the secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality.

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DIGEST

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