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Subject: SETAC GoM Focused Topic Meeting - Moderator of Control and Abatement Session
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Al,

I'd like to thank you for agreeing to moderate the session on Control and Abatement Issues during the upcoming SETAC Gulf of Mexico Focused Topic Meeting. To get us started on planning the panel discussion, I've attached a spreadsheet with relevant information on the tentative meeting structure and schedule, the sessions and key topics/questions that were identified by the meeting Steering Committee (not exhaustive by any means), and a listing of the panelists that have agreed to participate on your panel, or from whom we are awaiting final word. A brief summary of your panel (also in spreadsheet) is pasted below. Please note that we are awaiting word from your potential co-chair, Alexis Steen of ExxonMobile.

2A: Control and Abatement (includes approaches and equipment)
2A: Summary/Overview of what is known and what research has been done on response technology. What is the status of the "response arsenal?" Has there been little scientific progress on the spill response end? Is it same today as it was roughly 30 years ago?
2A: The conflict between common strategy of keeping the oil together as "big oil" in order to collect it vs. dispersing the oil to induce biodegradation.
2A: Pros and cons of various response techniques (skimming, collecting, booming, burning, etc.)
2A: Discussion session can address risk tradeoffs and how that modifies standardized strategies
2A: What should engineers of response technologies consider with regard to environmental toxicology, chemistry, and risk in order to develop more effective tools that minimize additional environmental damage and impacts?

Person	Affiliation	Role	Sector	Discipline (chem, tox, bio, eng, other)	Primary Role (science, manager)	Primary Function (spill response, environ impacts, other)	Accepted	Notes
Al Venosa	EPA	**Moderator**	GOV	bio & chem	manager & scientist	spill response	YES	
Alexis Steen	ExxonMobile	**Moderator**	IND		manager & scientist	spill response	Awaiting approval	
David Fritz	BP	Panelist	IND		science & crisis management	spill respone	YES	
Francois Merlin	CEDRE, France	Panelist	NGO	chem	science	spill response	We could activate him for this session	
Victoria Broje	Shell	Panelist	IND	eng	science	spill response	YES	Declined to be a moderator but accepted panelist.
Gary Mauseth	Polaris Applied Sciences, Inc.	Panelist	IND	geology, chem	science	spill response	Awaiting approval	

What we currently have planned for the Seafood Contamination/Safety & Human Health Issues session is an approximately 3-hour session on the afternoon of Tues April 26, 2011. The panel discussion is envisioned to be 90 minutes, followed by an additional period of up to 40-90 minutes of platform presentations with Q&A. The exact duration of each of these components will ultimately be subject to the number of abstracts that are selected for presentation in your session by the meeting Steering Committee. We may switch the time slots for your session (Tues PM) and that of session 2B: Oil Fate and Transport Modeling (Wed AM)—but that will depend on the flexibility in the schedules of panelists and moderators who have already agreed to participate in the program. After moderating the panel discussion, we are assuming that you will also serve as a co-chair for the presentations (it just makes sense). Abstract submission closed on the 20th and the meeting committee is reviewing and programming accepted abstracts over the next week to ten days, so we'll get back to you on this early on the week of March 7. We will provide an opportunity for your input on the Steering Committee's proposed abstract placements for your session at that time.

In coming days/weeks, we will be sending along more information on meeting logistics and specific responsibilities of Steering Committee members and Session Moderators such as yourself. I don't want you to get worried that we're going to dump a large amount of work on your plate...what we're thinking of is how to best document the proceedings. We want the moderators to be very observant during the meeting and take notes on the proceedings. There are daily summaries of the tracks and discussions on the schedule, and we're looking to the moderators to provide brief highlights here. We are also hoping that moderators will want to contribute to writing up the proceedings with us (Steering Committee) in an appropriate publication form (e.g., white paper, manuscript for submission to SETAC Integrated Environmental Assessment and Management Journal, Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry Journal, etc.). Again, we are working out the specific details and expectations on this as we move forward in the planning.

At this time, we encourage you to begin communicating with your confirmed panelists. Their full contact information is in the attached Word file.

Again, on behalf of the Steering Committee, I'd like to thank you for your willingness to co-moderate this session. Please feel free to contact me and my Steering Committee Co-chair, Bill Goodfellow, with questions.

Sincerely,
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