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Mr. Scott D. Josey
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and President
Mariner Energy, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Josey:

On September 2, 2010, an explosion occurred on an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico owned and operated by Mariner Energy, Inc. According to news reports, at the time of the explosion 13 crew members were on board and all evacuated overboard into the water; one was injured.

The Committee on Energy and Commerce and its Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and Subcommittee on Energy and Environment request a briefing on the incident and its possible causes by Friday, September 10, 2010. Please contact Tiffany Benjamin with the Committee staff at (202) 226-2424 to schedule the briefing.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman
Chairman



Bart Stupak
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight
and Investigations



Edward J. Markey
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