



STATE OF FLORIDA

BILL McCOLLUM
ATTORNEY GENERAL

June 4, 2010

Governor Charlie Crist
State of Florida
Plaza Level 05
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Governor Crist,

Impacts to the State of Florida from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill are imminent. As you know, I have been extremely disappointed with the lack of leadership from President Obama and the federal government in responding to this significant threat to Florida. Therefore, we must continue to increase our State efforts to combat these impacts and remain ready to take any policy action necessary to protect Florida's environment and our state's economic interests.

The meeting of the Governor and Cabinet on June 8, 2010, is scheduled to be the last meeting before our traditional summer break, and we are not currently scheduled to meet again until July 27, 2010. However, I am requesting the Governor and Cabinet schedule additional meetings in the interim so that Florida Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Mike Sole may give us the necessary updates and provide information critical to our response. We should also be prepared to have the Governor and Cabinet meet in the Panhandle region so that our constituents in those areas of impact can attend and participate in this process.

It is important that the Cabinet maintain a consistent, engaged role throughout the duration of this crisis and that the state's elected officials continue to call on effective actions by the federal government, as well as by BP, to counter the damage from the oil spill. Thank you in advance for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill McCollum".

Bill McCollum

Cc: The Honorable Alex Sink
The Honorable Charles Bronson