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Dear GEST supporters:

The National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Deepwater Drilling wrapped up its first meeting in New Orleans on Tuesday, and our pleas to save our jobs have made a lasting impression on members of the panel. According to news reports, the co-chairmen of the commission said that the testimony they've heard about the economic fallout of President Obama's drilling moratorium has convinced them to press the administration for a quicker resumption of safe offshore oil exploration.

"I come to this experience with a much greater sense of the economic dislocation being experienced here than I had three days ago," before the commission began hearings in New Orleans, former EPA chief William Reilly said at a Tuesday news conference.

**BUT WE CANNOT STOP NOW!**

The Commission is now accepting written comments about the moratorium and its impacts on your business, family and community. If you were unable to give public comment during the Commission meeting in New Orleans, please consider sending your comments to:

**National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill**

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We must help Commissioners understand the devastating economic impacts of the moratorium and urge them to swiftly implement safety measures to get Louisiana's Energy Coast back to work in weeks and not months! Thank you for your support. We will continue to keep you informed about GEST activities through e-mails like this one and our website, [www.GEST@la.gov](http://www.GEST@la.gov) and Facebook.

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