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**Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill – Sample Request Form**

**Requestor Information**

Name:

Affiliation:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

1. Identify the types and quantities of samples of interest (i.e., specific matrices, species, areas, or dates collected).

2. *For those requesting sea turtle or marine mammal samples:* Provide the purpose and/or research plan including conservation benefit for use of these samples.

3. a) *For those requesting sea turtle samples:* Provide your existing or pending permit numbers including all permits necessary (federal and/or state) for possession and use of the requested samples.

b) *For those requesting marine mammal samples:* Provide proof of authorization to receive marine mammal parts under 50 CFR 216.22 or 216.37 (e.g., parts authorization letter, marine mammal permit, stranding agreement). If you are in the process of obtaining authorization, please provide the details.

c) *For those requesting bird samples:* Provide your existing or pending Migratory Bird Treaty Act permit or other required permits for possession and use of the requested samples.

4. Recipients may pick up samples at the current storage facility if a mutually agreeable arrangement can be made, or may arrange for shipping through a commercial shipper such as FedEx or UPS, using the recipient’s account information or a prepaid label. Shipping materials (coolers, packing materials) and special procedures for hazardous shipments may also be required. The recipient should expect to send an appropriate shipping container to the current storage facility for return with samples. Provide your preferred arrangement for taking possession of samples. If shipping, do you have the ability to pay shipping costs and provide shipping materials?

5. Provide the earliest date you are prepared to receive requested samples.

6. Do you have additional comments or requests?

Send inquiries and responses to [dwhsamples@noaa.gov](mailto:dwhsamples@noaa.gov).

**Notice:**

The United States, its agencies and instrumentalities shall not be responsible for claims of any kind (including loss during transport) regarding the samples provided pursuant to this request form. Sample disposal may be subject to Federal, State and local laws and regulations. Samples may also be hazardous substances subject to various legal requirements regarding transportation, handling, storage and disposal.

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