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Water & Air Research, Inc. Emphasizes the Importance of Determining Baseline Environmental Conditions before Oil Spill Reaches Florida Shores

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – Water & Air Research, Inc. (Water & Air) stated the importance of conducting baseline environmental assessment of the coastal environment for communities prior to receiving impacts from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. The interview was conducted by Mr. Drew Nixon, a Florida Times-Union's reporter, and issued last Thursday.

Scott L. Burgard, Senior Vice President at Water & Air, has solicited numerous cities and counties to provide environmental assistance as a result of British Petroleum's oil spill. Mr. Burgard insisted on the importance of testing the water quality and nearshore conditions before these areas are impacted to be able to compare pre and post impacts to the environment. Mr. Burgard said that it could provide important evidences in case of litigation and help with federal funding for cleanup costs.

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Website, the oil spill is progressing onto northwest Florida shores, bringing tar balls and impacting Florida's coastal environment, fisheries, wildlife, and tourism.

About Water & Air

Water & Air is a multidisciplinary environmental engineering and consulting firm comprised of engineers, scientists, and planners who provide a wide range of services to private and public sector clients throughout Florida and the United States. As a professional environmental consulting firm, we can assist with projects that deal with vital environmental issues, including water quality and supply, air quality and noise, hazardous waste, toxic materials, contamination assessment and remediation, threatened and endangered species, and management of natural resources. Founded in Florida in 1970, Water & Air is now comprised of over 50 technical and support personnel at our corporate office in Gainesville, Florida. We also maintain a branch office in Lakeland, Florida, and at several field offices throughout the state.

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