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MEMORANDUM

TO: Baldwin County Property Owners

FROM: Bill Bass, Director 
Property Tax Division

RE: British Petroleum Oil Leak

Many citizens and property owners in Baldwin County are concerned about the impact that the BP Oil Leak will have on property values. We at the Department of Revenue as well as the Baldwin County Revenue Commissioner's Office are also very concerned. The 2010 property valuation notices recently mailed out stating property values as of October 1, 2009 will not reflect any impact the oil leak might have on the values.

Many individuals have asked questions concerning the effect the BP Oil Leak will have on property values. Since the oil leak occurred after the Oct. 1, 2009 lien date, values will not be affected for this tax year. Any impact that the BP Oil Leak may have on Baldwin County property values will not be reflected until the 2011 valuation notices are mail out in the summer of 2011. The October 1, 2010 valuation date will reflect any impact on values if measurable at that time.

We are always available to discuss valuation issues with the citizens and property owners of Baldwin County and we will diligently work with the Baldwin County Revenue Commissioner to identify and measure any influence on values.