

## ATTACHMENT A

### ESTABLISHING EVIDENCE OF A CONNECTION TO THE SPILL

The GCCF will review each claim case by case to determine whether the claimant has established that a financial loss occurred as a result of the Oil Spill. The following guidance has been developed to assist claimants with formulating the basis of a claim and providing sufficient supporting documentation.

Assertion	Description	Examples of Evidence
Losses due to the effects of the spill on the Gulf seafood supply chain	<p>The use of and/or reliance on Gulf seafood must be established. Documentation to support this assertion may include evidence of sourcing seafood from the Gulf and/or dependence on commercial fishing activities.</p> <p>Example: a multi-purpose trucking company with cancelled contracts for hauling Gulf seafood. Appropriate documentation to support this assertion would include the original agreement and a letter from the customer/supplier explaining that the contract was cancelled as a result of the spill.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of customers/suppliers within Gulf region</li> <li>• Evidence of cancelled orders/agreements/contracts as a result of the oil spill</li> <li>• Evidence of modified orders/agreement/contracts as a result of the oil spill</li> <li>• Historical evidence of consistently placed orders</li> <li>• Third party affidavits/letters</li> <li>• Third party invoices/receipts of Gulf seafood product</li> <li>• Evidence of the traditional location of the affected business activity</li> </ul>
Losses due to the effects of the spill on the Gulf's tourism sector	<p>A connection to the tourism industry in the Gulf region must be established. Documentation to support this assertion may include evidence of a business-to-business relationship or a primary customer base of tourists within the region.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of customers/suppliers within Gulf region</li> <li>• Evidence of cancelled orders/agreements/contracts as a result of the oil spill</li> <li>• Evidence of modified orders/agreement/contracts as a result of the oil spill</li> <li>• Historical evidence of consistently placed orders</li> <li>• Third party affidavits/letters</li> <li>• Third party invoices/receipts</li> </ul>

	<p>Example: a regional distributor of ice cream with a loss of sales to beachfront hotels and restaurants. Appropriate documentation to support this assertion would include records reflecting a post-spill reduction in purchases by identified tourism-dependent customers and letters from the purchasers explaining that the reduction in orders was a result of the spill.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of the traditional location of the affected business activity</li> <li>• Records of sales reflecting the percentage of sales to out-of-state/out-of-town purchasers</li> </ul>
<p>Losses due to business interruption as a direct result of the oil spill</p>	<p>An interruption to a business would include a partial or complete inability to engage in business activities. Example: a commercial shipping business that experienced a partial business interruption when the waters its carriers normally travel were temporarily closed to traffic due to the oil spill. Appropriate documentation to support this assertion would include evidence of prior navigation routes passing through closed areas and contemporaneous communications between the claimant and its customers reporting on the resulting delays.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of customers/suppliers within Gulf region</li> <li>• Evidence of cancelled orders/agreements/contracts as a result of the oil spill</li> <li>• Evidence of modified orders/agreement/contracts as a result of the oil spill</li> <li>• Historical evidence of consistently placed orders</li> <li>• Third party affidavits/letters</li> <li>• Third party invoices/receipts</li> <li>• Evidence of the traditional location of the affected business activity</li> </ul>