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Re: Invitation to Participate in the Natural Resource Damages Assessment for the Chalk Point Oil Spill

Dear Mr. Rubin and Mr. Siler:

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) are Natural Resource Trustees (Trustees) for natural resources affected by the Chalk Point Oil Spill on or about April 7, 2000 in and around the Patuxent River, MD. Pursuant to the natural resource damage assessment regulations governing oil spills, the Trustees invite Pepco and ST Services to participate in a cooperative natural resource damage assessment process. 15 C.F.R. § 990.14(c). This invitation not only reflects the regulatory intent to facilitate cooperative natural resource damage assessments but also memorializes the cooperation to date between the Responsible Parties and the Trustees.

Should you wish to memorialize and continue with this cooperation, please notify me to that affect in writing no later than June 30, 2000, Please feel free to call me should you have any questions (301) 713-1220.

Sincerely,

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cc: Shelly Hall, Attorney, U.S. Department of Interior
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