

PREASSESSMENT PHASE

**GUIDANCE DOCUMENT FOR
NATURAL RESOURCES DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
UNDER THE OIL POLLUTION ACT OF 1990**

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