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Subject: Eugene Island Pipeline Spill  
Funding Commitment for Initiation of Natural  
Resource Damage Assessment

Dear Mr. Kern:

This responds to your request for a commitment from Texaco to provide funding for the initiation of the natural resources damage assessment for the Texaco Pipeline Crude Oil Spill which occurred on May 16, 1997 in Lake Barre, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana. The Trustees have been defined as Department of Commerce (NOAA), Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinations Office (LOSCO), Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (LAWF), Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (LAIM), and Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LADEQ).

Texaco agrees to directly fund the Trustees assessment costs for the preassessment phase. The total costs for the Trustees to conduct the preassessment phase have been estimated to be \$151,816.91.

Sincerely,

E.R. Murray  
Texaco Pipeline Inc.

cc  
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