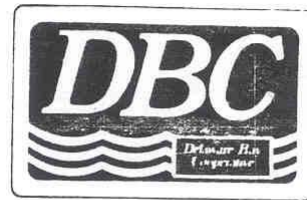


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January 20, 1981

Mr. Ralph A. Bianchi
JBF Scientific Corp.
2 Jewel Drive
Wilmington, Mass. 01887

Dear Ralph:

You may be interested to know that the DELBAY was activated to respond to a relatively small oil spill at the Big Stone Anchorage on November 15, 1980.

Although the DELBAY has been activated on seven other occasions, this was the first time there was any appreciable amount of recoverable oil involved.

By the time the DELBAY arrived on the scene, the leakage had been stopped and the spillage had drifted off in the form of slicks. Despite the fact that the layers of oil were very thinly spread and somewhat weathered by sea action, the JBF skimmer was very effective. A total of 875 gallons of oil was recovered.

We at the Cooperative were pleased with this fine performance which was done completely with the vessel's sweeps. No boom was employed. We believe it only fair to add that our crew contributed to the success of the operation by their skillful use of the DELBAY'S facilities.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'P. Eckert', written over a horizontal line.

Paul C. Eckert
Manager

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CC: Dave Buchanan