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Mr. Stephen J. Reilly  
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Dear Mr. Reilly;

I just wanted to take a minute to let you know how pleased I am with the performance of the JBF 420 skimmers. They have worked admirably in the 2 small diesel spills we had last year. However they were a **tremendous** asset in the heavy oil spill we had here on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

In that event, called the Pen 460 spill, the barge lost 10,000 gallons of #6 fuel oil. The Jamestown Volunteers launched their skimmer within a half-hour of notification and actively skimmed oil for three days. Although they were but one of the two skimmers and three vacuum trucks in action, all on-water recovery operations yielded 8,500 gallons of decanted oil, a remarkable recovery rate.

I look forward to having the fire pumps installed on the on the other two boats and having them back in operation in the State. I sleep more soundly knowing they are here. I do thank you for your rapid delivery of the second boat. While it did not get used, having it here was reassuring to the spill managers.

Sincerely,

Stephen G. Morin  
Environmental Response Administrator