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Mr. Paul C. Eckert
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Dear Paul:

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the fine efforts carried out by the Delaware Bay Cooperative while involved in combatting the 7,500 gallon spill of crude oil from the Interstate Ocean Transport Barge 140 in the Bigstone Anchorage area during the period 26-29 January 1981.

The Cooperative's actions were instrumental in retrieving nearly 87 percent of the oil spilled and it is indeed a pleasure to know that the efforts spent on pollution exercises the past two years are certainly paying off.

Please convey my thanks to all the Cooperative personnel and members involved during this period for their expedient response and professional manner of operation.

Sincerely,


J. R. KIRKLAND
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Commanding Officer
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