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State of Florida
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Re: Claim Numbers

Dear Ms. Peggy Brown:

The National Pollution Funds Center (NPFC) received on 4/26/2012 nine (9) claims for Removal Costs, and I have been assigned to adjudicate those claims. The Federal Regulations governing these claims provide that it is the claimant's burden to prove the claim. I will review the documentation you submitted with your claims to determine if it is sufficient to resolve these issues; if not, I will request additional information. If the claims are found to be compensable under OPA, I will proceed to adjudicate those claims and will review the documentation you submitted with the claims to determine if it is sufficient to show that the oil spill caused the damages and, if so, to measure the amount of damages.

If the parties responsible for these spills have been identified or are identified in the future, we will notify those parties that we have received your claims and will provide them information on the nature of the claim. You may continue to discuss possible settlement of the claims with the responsible parties, but you must promptly notify us if any settlement agreement is reached.

The tracking numbers assigned to these claims are as follows: 912056-0001, 912057-0001, 912058-0001, 912059-0001, 912060-0001, 912061-0001, 912062-0001, 912063-0001, and 912064-0001. Please use these numbers in any correspondence to ensure that letters and documents are not mislaid. If you need to contact me, my phone number is 202-493-1026.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Stephen Coode
Claims Manager
U.S. Coast Guard