

April 27, 1982

Ann Gorsuch, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Ms. Gorsuch:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I received from Mr. Richard Sims, Chairman of Alaska's Water Resources Board, regarding response procedures when an oil spill has occurred.

There is apparently some confusion about reporting responsibilities following a spill. The recommendations of the Water Resources Board, as outlined in the enclosed letter, seem to make a great deal of sense, and could save both time and money.

I would appreciate your providing information to clarify responsibility following a spill, and also a citation of the authority for the imposition of a mandatory fine. Additionally, I wonder if you would be willing to meet with Mr. Sims and the Commandant of the Coast Guard to discuss the possibility of reporting through one source, as suggested in Mr. Sims' letter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

/s/

TED STEVENS
Assistant Majority Leader

Enclosure

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✓ Richard Sims