

April 27, 1982

Admiral John B. Hayes
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Washington, D.C. 20593

Dear Jack:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I received from Richard H. Sims, Chairman of the Alaska Water Resources Board, regarding procedures to follow in responding to an oil spill.

There is apparently some confusion regarding reporting responsibility, as described in Mr. Sims' letter. The recommendations of the Water Resources Board seem to make a great deal of sense, and could save both time and money.

I would appreciate information about the regulation granting authority for a mandatory fine, and a clarification of Coast Guard responsibilities in responding to oil spills. Additionally, I wonder if you and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency would be willing to meet with Mr. Sims to discuss the possibility of reporting through one source, as suggested in his letter. Such a meeting could be very effective in addressing the concerns outlined by the Board.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

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TED STEVENS

Enclosure

bcc: Joe Darnell
✓ Richard Sims

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