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Mr. Mike Meadors
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Dear Sir:

At 0930 on 02 February 2006, Tesoro Alaska requested the services of the Tugs SEA VOYAGER and BULWARK and BARGE 450-3 for the purpose of rendering assistance to the SEABULK PRIDE, currently aground in Cook Inlet. Removing these assets is a deviation from the Prince William Sound Contingency Plan and Valdez Marine Terminal Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan; however, your Spill Mitigation Report provides sufficient evidence that your ability to respond to an oil spill in Prince William Sound will not be substantially reduced. Therefore, your request to transfer this equipment is **approved**. If at any time your ability to respond to an oil spill in Prince William Sound is further reduced, you must notify my office immediately. If you have any questions, please contact LT Catherine Huot at 907.835.7214 or MST3 Gary Bullock at 907.835.7218.

Sincerely,

M. S. GARDINER
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard
Captain of the Port
Prince William Sound, Alaska

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