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Mr. David Usher
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Dave
Dear Mr. Usher:

I am writing to you in your capacity as President of the Spill Control Association of America (SCAA). First let me congratulate SCAA on its 29th Anniversary and then comment on your extensive achievements. SCAA has played a very important and instrumental role in representing the private sector response community. Your participation in the negotiated rulemaking project in the implementation of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90), your continued participation and support of the International Oil Spill Conference, and representation on the Partnership Action Team (PAT) are just a few examples of the commitment to furthering the goals of your constituency, and surely as important, providing federal officials with information and an understanding of the capabilities and capacity of your industry.

Captain David Westerholm has just given me an overview of your participation in the special PAT meeting concerning response to hazardous materials both as it related to fulfillment of requirements of OPA 90 and Weapons of Mass Destruction. There is no doubt that your industry will play a significant role in our nation's response to hazardous material releases, whether accidental or deliberate.

I just wanted to thank you for your continued support of our national goals, not only pertaining to environmental protection, but to homeland security as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul J. Pluta".

PAUL J. PLUTA
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard
Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety,
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*Keep up your notable
service to America!*