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Dear Mr. O'Connor:

Thank you for your letter of December 17, 2009, requesting the state of Alaska's participation as a cooperating agency in preparing an environmental assessment to determine whether significant environmental impacts could result from narrowing and refining the restoration activities related to the Exxon Valdez oil spill. The state is pleased to participate as a cooperating agency in this endeavor and to fulfill the responsibilities described in your letter.

We look forward to cooperating with you. Please feel free to contact me or the Deputy Attorney General, Craig Tillery (907-269-5100), with any questions.

Sincerely,



Daniel S. Sullivan
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