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Dear Joyce Tsai,

This letter is to acknowledge the receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for:

1. Copies of reports and documents issued on the results of a field test conducted by NOAA earlier this year on commercially sorbent boom that determined that it absorbed more oil and much less water than hair boom and discussed what pros and cons of using hair boom vs. commercially sorbent would be for cleaning up oil spills.
2. Copies of the same issues from the past three years.

Your request was received in our office on Thursday, July 8, 2010. For tracking purposes, NOAA has assigned your request **NOAA FOIA No. 2010-00467.** Your request will be answered by the National Ocean Service's Office of Response and Restoration and one of their representatives will be in contact with you, should any questions arise regarding your request.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at (301) 713-3070 x 169.

Sincerely,

Nkolika Ndubisi
NOS FOIA Liaison Officer

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