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RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request #2010-00467

Ms. Tsai,

This letter is in response to your FOIA request (#2010-00467) for "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…". Enclosed in this package is a copy of responsive material.

We have classified you as a "representative of the news media" under the Freedom of Act § 552(a) (4) (A) (ii) and you will be responsible for any duplication charges associated with our response to your request. However, because of the small number of documents (1 report) no fee charged will be associated with this request.

Based on the above information, this request will be closed satisfactorily. Should you have any questions please contact our FOIA Manager, Greg Bridges, at 301-713-2989 ext. 101 or by email at greg.bridges@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

David Westerholm

Director

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