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Mr. W. C. Beauchamp
539 South Main Street
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RE: Marathon Ashland Pipe Line Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)

Dear Mr. Beauchamp:

The Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office has investigated Marathon's NRDA obligations. It is our conclusion that the obligations in regard to the Marathon Ashland Restoration Plan have been met to our satisfaction.

This letter will inform you that the Trustees consider that Marathon Ashland Pipe Line LLC has completed the requirements of the State NRDA claim. Marathon therefore, has no further obligations to the state and federal natural resource trustees arising from the May 23/24, 1996 Marathon oil spill along Highway 61 in Lutcher, Louisiana.

Thank you for your interest in the natural resources of Louisiana.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roland J. Guidry".

Roland J. Guidry
Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator

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