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IN REPLY REFER TO:

FWS/AES-EQ-NRDA

MAY 1.5 2013

Memorandum

To:

Program Manager, Restoration Program, Department of the Interior

From? CTING Regional Director, Region 3

Subject: Request for Release of Funds for Restoration Planning Activities from the Department's Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Fund for the Kerr McGee/DuPage River, IL site (Project Number 0454)

We request the release of the current available balance of funds including all available earned interest in the Kerr McGee/DuPage River, IL site (Project Number 0454) account in the NRDAR Fund, with an approximate amount of \$261,139.23.

These funds are to be released to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for the purpose of land acquisition for the Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). The acquisition and restoration of the property for the Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge will provide upland and wetland habitat that will restore injured natural resources. The State of Illinois Natural Resource Trustees support using the settlement funds for acquisition and restoration of land for the Refuge.

If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Ed Karecki, Contaminants Specialist, Chicago Ecological Services Field Office at (847) 381-2253 ext. 14, or Annette Trowbridge, Regional NRDAR Coordinator at (612) 713-5104.

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## Attachment

cc: Bruce Nesslage, DOI NRDAR Program Office Kelly Herrmann, FWS-R3-ES Louise Clemency, Chicago ES Field Office Ed Karecki, Chicago ES Field Office Mark Huston FWS-DEQ-D.C.