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The Honorable Rafael Borrás  
Under Secretary for Management  
United States Department of Homeland Security  
3801 Nebraska Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20393

Dear Mr. Borrás:

This letter responds to your July 6, 2010 request on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) to establish alternative arrangements pursuant to section 1506.11 of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 C.F.R. Parts 1500-1508).

We commend the DHS and USCG efforts to develop the alternative arrangements for issuing and implementing the Emergency Temporary Interim Rule in close coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency and CEQ, as well as the other Federal, Tribal, State and local resource agencies.

Attached are the alternative arrangements developed in close coordination among our staffs and with input from the Federal resource agencies, particularly the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Department of the Interior, as well as input from national environmental organizations including the Defenders of Wildlife and the Natural Resources Defense Council.

We appreciate the assistance your staff has provided thus far, and look forward to working with them in the coming months.

Sincerely,

Nancy Sutley  
Chair