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RE: Draft DARP & Environmental Assessment for Athos I Oil Spill

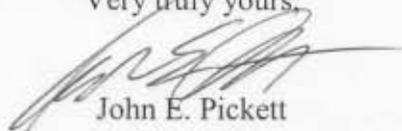
Dear Ms. Burlington:

On behalf of Delaware County I am pleased to write this letter in support of the Darby Creek dam removal and habitat restoration project as part of the Athos I oil spill remedy.

As managed by American Rivers, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, this project will be of great benefit to Darby Creek and to the nearby communities. The dam removal and habitat restoration will complement the Darby Creek Greenway project that the County has been planning for several years and that will move to the construction phase as soon as the dam removal work is completed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Very truly yours,



John E. Pickett
Director

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