Coast Guard Sector St. Petersburg
600 8th Avenue SE
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

April 17, 2008

Dear Mr. ~~Jeansonne~~ Jim,

Thank you for your valuable service during the grounding of the integrated tug and barge YANKEE/DBL151 on April 2nd, 2008. The tug and barge grounded with 119,000 barrels of No. 6 oil in the environmentally sensitive area of Egmont Key. You provided expertise in identifying sensitive habitats and species that would have been endangered during the recovery process. You also provided specific information about the on-scene weather, tides, nature of the sea floor, and characteristics of the oil onboard the ship. Your help and advice proved invaluable during the planning and execution phases of this operation, and the vessel was successfully refloated with minimal impact to the environment. I am proud that we could jointly demonstrate our ability to work together to protect our community.

Thank you again for your assistance. I am confident any joint response to future incidents will be successful because of the hard work put forth by NOAA and their dedicated employees like you.

Sincerely,

J. A. Servidio
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Commander, CG Sector St. Petersburg