TRENT HALL FARM
"On the scenic Patuxent"
29350 Trent Hall Road
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Mr. James Hoff
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National Ocean ServicBuilding #4
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Dear Mr. Hoff:

I understand that the Natural Resources Trustees are considering the use of portions of our property, Trent Hall Farm, for restoration of injured natural resources resulting from the Chalk Point oil spill. I understand that the proposed project would essentially create approximately 5 ½ acres of tidal wetlands in an existing farm field and stabilize (with sand and breakwaters) approximately 1,800 to 2,000 linear feet of intertidal beach along the southeast to southwest corners of the property.

If, after the public review and comment period, the Trustees determine that this project will provide adequate compensation for the injured resources, then I will allow the construction of these projects on our property with the following stipulation:

* any work proposed on our property shall only be carried out provided it is approved by myself and/or my spouse, Nancy W. Virts.

* additionally, we will agree to any appropriate admendments to our existing Maryland Environmental Trust Easement to accomodate the project and protect it in perpertuity.

* we also agree to permit access as necessary, with reasonable notification, to monitor the success of the project and are willing to execute an agreement to that effect.

Hope to hear from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

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