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Re: ExxonMobil's Initial Response to Invitation to Participate in Restoration Planning

Dear Mr. Collins and Ms. Umphres:

I write on behalf of ExxonMobil Pipeline Company in response to your letter dated October 31, 2013, in which you invited ExxonMobil to participate in the Trustees' restoration planning activities relating to the July 2011 Silvertip Pipeline Spill ("Silvertip Incident"). As an initial matter, please note that ExxonMobil reserves all of its rights to defend against the State's and United States' claims concerning the Silvertip Incident and ExxonMobil's response to your letter and the Trustees' Notice of Intent to Conduct Restoration Planning ("NOI") is without admission of any issue of fact or law.

Having said that, ExxonMobil appreciates the Trustees' invitation for ExxonMobil to participate in the Trustees' restoration planning. ExxonMobil is interested in participating in such restoration planning and would like to discuss the nature and extent of such potential participation with the Trustees so that both ExxonMobil and the Trustees can make an informed decision about whether ExxonMobil's participation would be beneficial.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience when the Trustees would like to discuss ExxonMobil's possible participation. In the meantime, it would be helpful if you could provide me with any draft or final restoration planning work plans, statements of work or similar documents so that ExxonMobil can evaluate the restoration planning work that the Trustees are planning to undertake.

Sincerely,

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