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Ms. Lisa P. Jackson
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street, SW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Jackson:

SUBJECT: Designation of Natural Resources Trustees for the State of Michigan

I am sending this letter to inform you of the creation of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) from its predecessor agency, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE). On January 4, 2011, pursuant to my issuance of Executive Order No. 2011-1, the former MDNRE was abolished and the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the MDNRE were transferred to either the MDNR or the MDEQ. The effective date of my executive order is March 13, 2011.

As a result of this action, I am today designating the Director of the MDEQ together with the Director of the MDNR, and the Michigan Attorney General to serve as natural resource Trustees pursuant to Section 311 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and Section 107, of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA).

The Trustee representatives are authorized to conduct assessments of natural resource damages that may result from the release of oil or a hazardous substance to the environment and will serve as co-trustees to seek recovery of damages for injury to, destruction, or loss of natural resources. It is my intent that this designation of the Directors of the MDEQ, MDNR and the Attorney General as Trustees will continue to facilitate a coordinated and cooperative effort between the State of Michigan and the United States to ensure that all natural resource impacts resulting from environmental releases are addressed during remedial investigation, restoration, and cost recovery efforts.

We look forward to working in cooperation with United States Environmental Protection Agency staff of Region V, and the other natural resource Trustees working in Michigan, to protect and preserve the outstanding natural resources of this Great Lakes State. Please feel free to contact the MDEQ Director, Dan Wyant, or the MDNR Director, Rodney Stokes, if you would like to discuss the revised delegation of Trustee responsibilities in Michigan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Snyder". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rick" and last name "Snyder" clearly distinguishable.

Rick Snyder
Governor

cc: Mr. Craig Czarnecki, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Attorney General William Schuette
Director Dan Wyant, MDEQ
Director Rodney Stokes, MDNR