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To: Director, Fish and Wildlife Service
Director, Geological Survey
Director, Minerals Management Service
Director, National Park Service

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Request for Comments on Draft National Guidance for Best Management Practices for Preparing Vessels Intended to Create Artificial Reefs
(**ER 04/584**) (Agency due date: **October 1, 2004**)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Maritime Administration (MARAD) have published in the **August 2, 2004**, *Federal Register*, a notice of availability and request for comments on Draft National Guidance for Best Management Practices for Preparing Vessels Intended to Create Artificial Reefs. The notice of availability and request for comments can be viewed on the Internet at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont04.html. To obtain a copy of the guidance document, you may access the EPA Website at: <http://www.epa.gov/owow/oceans/habitat/artificialreefs> Look under "Recent Additions."

Please review the Draft National Guidance for Best Management Practices for Preparing Vessels Intended to Create Artificial Reefs from your jurisdiction or special expertise and provide any information or comments to the address listed in the *Federal Register* at EPA by **October 1, 2004**. Also, please provide a copy of any comments you make to this office.

Comments should reflect that they are being provided as technical information and do not necessarily reflect the views and comments of the Department of the Interior.

/s/ 8/9/04
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