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Colonel Paul E. Owen
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New York, NY 10278-0090

RE: Breach Contingency Plan
Fire Island National Seashore Federal Wilderness Area Project

Dear Colonel Owen:

Thank you for the United States Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) cooperation and support for the repair and restoration of New York State's critical infrastructure. The Corps' assistance, as well as aid from other federal agencies, continues to provide vital support for these efforts. Hurricane Sandy, a significant coastal and fluvial event, resulted in extensive impacts to Long Island's barrier beaches, including a breach at Fire Island National Seashore's Federal Wilderness Area at Old Inlet.

Consistent with the recommendation of the Breach Contingency Team and in accordance with the Breach Contingency Plan (BCP) for the Fire Island to Montauk Point Project, which authorizes closure of breaches within the project area, the State of New York requests assistance from the Corps to undertake all necessary steps to prepare to implement the closure of the breach in the Fire Island Wilderness Area at Old Inlet. The DEC stipulates, however, that the bids for project closure would not be opened if the breach closes to a sufficient extent through natural processes.

DEC is prepared to enter into a project cooperation agreement with the Corps at this time. In addition, since the breach is located on federal property, New York State will rely on the Corps to coordinate with the National Park Service to obtain access to all required real estate. New York State stands ready to fund its portion of the non-federal share of the project's costs.

Please contact Mr. Alan A. Fuchs at (518) 402-8185 as you move forward in addressing this request. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph J. Martens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "M".

Joseph J. Martens

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