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Commander(mep)  
United States Coast Guard  
9th Coast Guard District  
1240 East 9th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44199

Re: Assessment of Civil Penalty, Section  
311(b)(6), FWPCA of 1972;  
International Salt Company, Watkins  
Glen, New York

Dear Commander:

Enclosed for your information are documents pertaining to a discharge of an undetermined quantity of #2 fuel oil from the International Salt Company's Watkins Glen, New York brine caverns. An unknown quantity of oil entered Seneca Lake. This spill took place 17 February 1975.

The above-mentioned oil spill appears to be in violation of §311(b)(3) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 ("the Act"); we are recommending that appropriate action be taken pursuant to §311(b)(6) of the Act. In light of past problems with this company, EPA presently intends to prosecute a §311(b)(5) violation for non-notification in this case.

If we can be of further assistance on this case, please do not hesitate to write me at the above address or to call me at (212) 264-4430.

Very truly yours,

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