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Bob Bergquist, President  
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RE: Enviro-Bond Bilge Socks

Dear Bob:

CZM's bilge sock program was a huge success during the summer of 2002. With help from harbormasters, watershed groups, local non-profits and others CZM gave out over 18,000 Enviro-Bond bilge socks. As we know, oils, gasoline and diesel fuel, when released into the marine environment, are toxic to marine plants and animals. A poorly maintained engine or an accidental spill may cause these products to collect in the boat's bilge, and be discharged into the water when the bilge is pumped.

The key to the success of the program was the unique properties of the Enviro-Bond polymer. The ability for each sock to permanently encapsulate petroleum products in the bilge allowed boaters to dispose of the used socks with their household trash. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection agreed that if these socks passed their "one-drop test," they could be disposed with household trash, similar to a car's oil filter. The Enviro-Bond polymer passes this test.

Thank you for providing a high quality, effective, inexpensive and easy to use product. Each bilge sock could absorb up to 2 ½ quarts of oil. Therefore, 18,000 socks could have removed over 11,000 gallons of petroleum products from our waterways. The coastal waters of Massachusetts are most likely cleaner today due to the wide array of environmental products available to boaters. It was a pleasure doing business with your company.

Sincerely,

Robin Lacey  
Marina Assistance Program

