Dear Municipal Official:

I am writing to thank you for all your help and support in making the State’s waterway debris removal project such a success and to bring to your attention an important upcoming deadline.

Since early March, the Department’s waterway debris removal contractors have been removing Superstorm Sandy debris from the waters of New Jersey. Your assistance in providing the Department with information about debris in your town helped us to clean up our waterways quickly and efficiently.

Through the end of October, the State’s contractors will continue to remove remaining debris (excluding sediment) that Superstorm Sandy left in State waters. Please let us know by October 15 if you have any remaining requests for debris removal in State waterways, marinas and lagoons at waterwaydebris@dep.state.nj.us.

After that, municipalities will again be responsible for the safety of their beaches and public areas, and hazards in the water. In case of an emergency, please contact the local station of the State Police’s Marine Services Bureau (http://www.njsp.org/maritime/), and in the case of an environmental emergency call 1-877-WARN-DEP.

Removal of Sandy-related sediment from marinas, lagoons, and backbay areas is ongoing and is expected to proceed well into the Fall. As always, you can track our continuing activities and progress at http://www.state.nj.us/dep/special/hurricane-sandy/wwwdebris.htm or contact me with any specific questions.

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