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To: Roger Stancil

Subject: BP Gas Station Spill

Mr Stancil,

I'm writing this email to let you know what a pleasure it was working with your Fire Dept on this response. A group of true professionals. They welcomed me to the incident, plugged me into the unified command, and briefed me on the response actions taking place.

 I was most impressed with their containment efforts; the coordination between the fire department and the city to get heavy equipment, dirt/gravel to construct a underflow dam (which was textbook) and the effort that the fire dept. put forth to get ahead of the spill and contain it was over and beyond. Most fire departments would have waited for contractors to arrive and construct it. It was evident that they had their own safety, the protection of public health, the environment  and Chapel Hill Fire Dept in mind during the response.

I look forward to working with them in the future- great group you have. Chapel Hill is fortunate to have such a dedicated fire department.

Sincerely,

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