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RE: Buxton Beach Contamination

Office of Thom Tillis, US Senator  
Office Ted Budd, US Senator  
Office of Dr. Greg Murphy, US House of Representatives  
Office of Roy Cooper, Governor – NC  
Boby Hanig, NC Senator  
Norm Sanderson, NC Senator  
Keith Kidwell, NC House of Representatives  
Ed Goodwin, NC House of Representatives

Ronal Sturgeon, US Army Corp of Engineers  
Brad Morgan, US Army Corp of Engineers  
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Mark Foust, National Park Service  
Frank Lands, National park Service  
Charles Sams, National Park Service  
Dave Hallac, National Park Service  
Michael Regan, National Park Service

The Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce represents nearly 850 businesses and over 3,000 employees along the 120 miles of Eastern North Carolina coastline, this includes the area of Buxton on Hatteras Island. The Outer Banks Chamber is asking you to find a solution to the beach and water contamination in Buxton's Old Lighthouse Beach at the site of the former Navy and Coast Guard Station.

This contamination is impacting an important area of beautiful shoreline; one that, if not contained and a solution found quickly, will have detrimental implications for our businesses, rental properties, hotels, restaurants and residents. This has the potential to become a reason our visitors will find to change their summer vacation plans and go elsewhere thus impacting the local economy during peak season.

We ask that you preserve this national treasure (the Cape Hatteras National Seashore) and secure the funding and address this situation in the short-term before the summer season begins. Your support in finding a solution is very much appreciated.

With Warm Regards,

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