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Inventory for FOIA Request 2011-1613-F[2]

Records on EXXON Valdez Oil Spill

Extent

131 folders

Access

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Provenance

Official records of George Bush's presidency and vice presidency are housed at the George Bush Presidential Library and administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

Processed By

Staff Archivists, January 2013. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2011-1613-F[2] are a selective, not necessarily all inclusive, body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials.

FOIA 2011-1613-F[2] contains records related to the oil spill in the Prince William Sound area of Alaska caused by the grounding of the Exxon Valdez. These documents address the cleanup and recovery efforts, federal disaster relief options, courthouse hearings, and proposed legislation in response to the incident.

The Bush Presidential White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Alphabetical Files contain letters primarily sent to President Bush by private citizens. Topics include cleanup of the oil spill, contingency plans for oil spills in general, pending oil spill liability and compensation legislation, proposals for handling the petroleum waste, and Exxon's proposed compensation package. Replies to this correspondence are also included. In addition, many government forms are present that track the correspondence by logging in subjects, routing information, actions taken, and disposition. There are also some memos between staffers and between administration officials transmitting correspondence for replies. Also present are some copies of journal articles about the federal plan to clean up the oil spill.

The Bush Presidential WHORM Subject Files contain material essentially similar to that held in the Alphabetical Files. There is also a transcript of U.S. Coast Guard testimony before the House of Representatives on oil spill liability legislation.

The Bush Presidential Staff and Office Files also contain letters and the corresponding government forms. There are also numerous memos between administration officials detailing their observations of the clean up area, background information about the spill, proposed date for President Bush's visit to the area, oil pollution compensation legislation, assessment of damages to natural resources as determined by the natural resource trustees, federal disaster relief options, and state of the national energy supply following the incident. Staffer's notes recording congressional votes on legislation and particulars of the case against Exxon are included in this collection. Several lists are present that detail key companies and personnel involved in the cleanup operation, vessels and equipment deployed, state oil spill liability, and compensation statutes. Numerous papers are present that cover a wide variety of topics: incident summary notes, duty officer's log sheets, standards comparing strict liability versus simple negligence, global plan and media strategy to prevent and/or prepare for future incidents, Exxon's plan to respond to the Valdez spill, testimony by an administration official before the Senate Committee on Commerce Science and Transportation, written testimony and oral statement by an Exxon vice president on the water and shoreline conditions in Prince William Sound, and an oil spill economic impact study. Of particular note is a memorandum of agreement among the state of Alaska, Department of Agriculture, Department of Interior and Department of Commerce outlining the coordination necessary to clean the oil spill. Unclassified Coast Guard cables detail site conditions, assistance deployment, duties, and recovery estimates for the Prince William Sound area during cleanup efforts. E-mails of media stories describing the grounding, recovery efforts, and court testimony are also present. Press briefings and releases detail President Bush's directive to restore the area around Prince William Sound, cleanup updates, and Exxon's commentary on the oil spill and its aftermath. There are many published materials in the collection including newspaper articles about the Valdez grounding, recovery efforts, environmental issues, effects on the citizens and their livelihoods, and proposed legislation as a result of the oil spill. There are also multiple publications from the American Petroleum Institute, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Federal Register, and National Response Team. Lastly, numerous maps illustrate the affected areas of Prince William Sound.

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in three collection areas—Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Alphabetical Files; Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files; and Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files. As policy, WHORM Alphabetical Files and WHORM Subject Files are processed at the document level. Staff and Office Files are processed at the folder level, that is, individual documents are not selected and removed from a folder for processing. While this method maintains folder integrity, it frequently results in the incidental processing of documents that are not wholly responsive to the subject area.

The WHORM Subject File compiled by the White House Office of Records Management is comprised of a series of documents assigned a letter/number combination and filed in a subject category. A complete listing of the subject categories including a detailed description of each category is available in our

research room and on our website at <http://bushlibrary.tamu.edu/research/find/whorm/whorm.html>.

Please note that a single asterisk "*" indicates that the category is entirely processed and open.

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2011-1613-F[2].

Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Alphabetical Files

Name

Alberts, Donald A., Sr.	Husain, Mo	Ringquist, Lennart
Ayers, Robert A.	Jostes, John C.	Rose, H.L.
Berard, Dailey J.	Kaplan, Charles H., M.D.	Sandofer, Michael
Byston, Paul	Kugler, Hans, M.D.	Shapiro, Frank N.
Cleman, Mike	McCaleb, J.E.	Stein, Victor
Colby, Mr. and Mrs. Robert	Nixon, Andrew	Suuki, Shigeyuki
Collins, R. Eugene	O'Meara, James	Townley, Robert
Cooper, Bruce	Pearson, Mike	Van Devere, Beth Cassidy
Davis, Pamela K.	Pedigo, Steve	Warrick, Robert P.
Dubois, Caroline S.	Perry, Edd J.	Weneck, Robert L.
Fowler, Duane	Perry, Timothy	Zuelke, Laurence W.
Hagen, Jesse J.	Platt, Hugh, Jr.	

Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files

Category

Case Number

BE003-11	Scanned: Case Numbers 027709, 029624, 040702, 046801, 047018, 193675, 218899CU
CM001	Scanned: Case Number 032664
CM010	Scanned: Case Numbers 021761, 026437, 026754, 047398, 163195, 188325CU, 193287, 208023, 259883CU, 278267, 346210, 366767CU
CO001-02	Scanned: Case Number 196740
CO071*	Scanned: Case Number 039741CU
CO121	Scanned: Case Number 038339
DI001*	Entire Category Relevant
DI002	Scanned: Case Numbers 021262, 021265, 058067CU, 073739
FE008-01	Scanned: Case Number 123939
FG	Scanned: Case Number 316121CU
FG001-02	Scanned: Case Number 024303
FG001-07	C.F.: Case Numbers 161593SS, 161609SS, 161708SS, 161926SS

FG006-03	Scanned: Case Number 083313
FG006-04	Scanned: Case Number 115117CU
FG006-18	Scanned: Case Number 201312
FG010-01	Scanned: Case Numbers 026849SS, 039922, 054473
FG012	Scanned: Case Number 034308
FG018	Scanned: Case Number 027434SS
FG024	Scanned: Case Numbers 035240CU, 069203CU
FG025	Scanned: Case Number 269446
FG051	Scanned: Case Number 179208
FG122	Scanned: Case Number 168619CU
FG163	Scanned: Case Number 370330CU
FI001-01	Scanned: Case Number 143879
FI002	Scanned: Case Number 036651
FI003	Scanned: Case Number 285535
FI004	Scanned: Case Number 069465
FI006	Scanned: Case Number 320694CU
HE007	Scanned: Case Numbers 167944CU, 281764
HE007-01	Scanned: Case Number 207517
HE007-03	Scanned: Case Number 041858
HU010	Scanned: Case Numbers 159605, 159605CU, 160439CU, 299173
IT067	Scanned: Case Number 046323
IV	Scanned: Case Number 070443
IV089	Scanned: Case Numbers 050973, 068385
IV090	Scanned: Case Numbers 087140, 102963
IV091	Scanned: Case Numbers 212669, 231447CU
JL002	Scanned: Case Numbers 209126CU, 225888SS
JL003	Scanned: Case Number 137726

Unscanned: Case Numbers 117161, 117888

JL003-03 C.F.: Case Number 344463SS

JL004 Scanned: Case Number 271428CU

MA Scanned: Case Number 210383

MC Scanned: Case Number 040212

ME002 Scanned: Case Number 354462

ND013 Scanned: Case Number 044366

ND016 Scanned: Case Number 243119

Unscanned: Case Number 208875

NR Scanned: Case Numbers 121396CU, 155948CU, 298382

NR001 Scanned: Case Number 210850

NR002 Scanned: Case Numbers 016132, 018729

Unscanned: Case Numbers 014079, 209134

NR006 Scanned: Case Numbers 025839, 098765, 193614

Unscanned: Case Numbers 024982, 029654

NR007 Scanned: Case Number 133944

PE001 Scanned: Case Numbers 225288SS, 276949CU

PE002 Scanned: Case Number 113635CU

PR001 Scanned: Case Number 347759

PR003 Scanned: Case Number 025247

PR012 Scanned: Case Numbers 030601, 080796, 089963

Unscanned: Case Number 063153

PR012-02 Unscanned: Case Numbers 032240, 039388, 068118, 188423

PR013-08 Scanned: Case Number 023099

PR014 Scanned: Case Number 299365

PR015-01 Unscanned: Case Number 068397

PU Unscanned: Case Number 097175CU
SC Unscanned: Case Number 029335
SO003 Unscanned: Case Number 043558
TA001 Scanned: Case Number 026259
TR061-02 Unscanned: Case Number 122360
UT Scanned: Case Numbers 221510, 221857SS, 284767
Unscanned: Case Number 188237

Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

Cabinet Affairs, White House Office of
Adair, Doug, Files

Exxon-Valdez Oil Spill [OA/ID 06113]

Calio, Nicholas E., Files

Oil Spill: Background [OA/ID 04022]

Oil Spill: Vote Counts [OA/ID 04022]

D'Andrea, Justine, Files

Alaska Oil Spill [1] [OA/ID 02309]

Alaska Oil Spill [2] [OA/ID 02309]

Alaska Oil Spill [3] [OA/ID 02309]

Gunn, Will, Files

Transportation: Oil Spills [OA/ID 03924]

Korfonta, Paul, Files

Oil Spills [OA/ID 07687]

Exxon Valdez [OA/ID 07692]

Oil Spill Contingency Plan [OA/ID 07692]

McBee, Barry, Files

Oil Spill Alaska [1] [OA/ID 02837]

Oil Spill Alaska [2] [OA/ID 02837]

Alaska Oil Spill [1] [OA/ID 02837]

Alaska Oil Spill [2] [OA/ID 02837]

Alaska Oil Spill [3] [OA/ID 02837]

Oil Spills [1] [OA/ID 02837]

Oil Spills [2] [OA/ID 02837]

Oil Spills [3] [OA/ID 02837]

Exxon Valdez Trustees [OA/ID 02840]

Chief of Staff, White House Office of
Rogers, Ed, Files

Oil Spills [OA/ID 04014]

Counsels Office, White House

Aronsson, Patti, Files—Legal Task Force (Iran/Contra) Files
Alaskan Oil Spill [OA/ID 45002]

Gray, C. Boyden, Files—Subject Files
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (Various) [OA/ID 45070]

Hatch, Brent O., Files—Alphabetical Subject File
Oil Spill Liability Legislation [1] [OA/ID CF00138]
Oil Spill Liability Legislation [2] [OA/ID CF00138]

Holmstead, Jeffrey, Files—Environmental Subject Files
Alaska Oil Spill [1] [OA/ID 45122]
Alaska Oil Spill [2] [OA/ID 45122]
Oil Spill Legislation [1] [OA/ID 45133]
Oil Spill Legislation [2] [OA/ID 45133]

Liberman, Lee S., Files—General Subject Files
Exxon: Valdez [OA/ID 45280]

Lund, Nelson, Files—Subject Files
Oil Pollution / H.R. 1465 / S. 686 [OA/ID 45347]

Portman, Robert J., Files—Alphabetical Subject Files
Environment: Alaskan Oil Spill [1] [OA/ID 01412]
Environment: Alaskan Oil Spill [2] [OA/ID 01412]
Environment: Alaskan Oil Spill [3] [OA/ID 01412]
Environment: Alaskan Oil Spill [4] [OA/ID 01412]

Schmitz, John, Files—Alphabetical Subject Files
Alaska Oil Spill [1] [OA/ID 45649]
Alaska Oil Spill [2] [OA/ID 45649]
Alaska Oil Spill [3] [OA/ID 45649]
Exxon Oil Spill [OA/ID 45671]
Exxon Valdez [OA/ID 45671]

Domestic Policy Council

DPC Files
Environment (File I) – Oil Spills [OA/ID 04805]

Legislative Affairs, White House Office of

Breeden, Richard, Files—Issues and Analysis File
Oil Spill – Alaska: Updates – Coast Guard Cables [1] [OA/ID 02051]
Oil Spill – Alaska: Updates – Coast Guard Cables [2] [OA/ID 02051]
Oil Spill – Alaska: Updates – Coast Guard Cables [3] [OA/ID 02051]
Oil Spill – Alaska: Updates – Coast Guard Incident Memos [1] [OA/ID 02051]
Oil Spill – Alaska: Updates – Coast Guard Incident Memos [2] [OA/ID 02051]
Oil Spill – Alaska: Updates – Coast Guard Incident Memos [3] [OA/ID 02051]
Oil Spill – Alaska: Updates – DOMS (Army) Memos 50-65 [1] [OA/ID 02051]
Oil Spill – Alaska: Updates – DOMS (Army) Memos 50-65 [2] [OA/ID 02051]
Oil Spill – Alaska: Updates – DOMS (Army) Memos 43-49 [1] [OA/ID 02051]
Oil Spill – Alaska: Updates – DOMS (Army) Memos 43-49 [2] [OA/ID 02051]
Oil Spill – Alaska: Updates – DOMS (Army) Memos 36-42 [1] [OA/ID 02051]

Oil Spill – Alaska: Updates – DOMS (Army) Memos 36-42 [2] [OA/ID 02051]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Updates – DOMS (Army) Memos 29-35 [1] [OA/ID 02051]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Updates – DOMS (Army) Memos 29-35 [2] [OA/ID 02051]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Updates – DOMS (Army) Memos 22-28 [1] [OA/ID 02052]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Updates – DOMS (Army) Memos 22-28 [2] [OA/ID 02052]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Updates – DOMS (Army) Memos 15-21 [1] [OA/ID 02052]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Updates – DOMS (Army) Memos 15-21 [2] [OA/ID 02052]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Updates – DOMS (Army) Memos 15-21 [3] [OA/ID 02052]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Updates – DOMS (Army) Memos 8-14 [1] [OA/ID 02052]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Updates – DOMS (Army) Memos 8-14 [2] [OA/ID 02052]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Updates – DOMS (Army) Memos 1-7 [1] [OA/ID 02052]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Updates – DOMS (Army) Memos 1-7 [2] [OA/ID 02052]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: NOAA & National Response Team Notebooks [1] [OA/ID 02052]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: NOAA & National Response Team Notebooks [2] [OA/ID 02052]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: NOAA & National Response Team Notebooks [3] [OA/ID 02052]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: NOAA & National Response Team Notebooks [4] [OA/ID 02052]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: NOAA & National Response Team Notebooks [5] [OA/ID 02052]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: NOAA & National Response Team Notebooks [6] [OA/ID 02052]
 Oil Spill – Delaware: Coast Guard Updates [OA/ID 02052]
 Oil Spill – Louisiana [OA/ID 02052]
 Oil Spill – Rhode Island: Coast Guard Updates [OA/ID 02052]
 Oil Spill – Rhode Island: Criminal Charges [OA/ID 02052]
 Oil Spill – Rhode Island: Notes [OA/ID 02052]
 Oil Spill – Rhode Island: Presidential Phone Call [OA/ID 02052]
 Oil Spill General: Articles [1] [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill General: Articles [2] [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill General: Chesapeake Bay Foundation [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill General: Industry Cleanup [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill General: Legislation [1] [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill General: Legislation [2] [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill General: National Response Team [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill General 6/26/89 Update on Alaska, Delaware, Rhode Island, and Texas
 [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Bioremediation [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Coast Guard Fact File [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Congressional [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Congressional Letters [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Correspondence [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Counsel's Office [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Criminal Charges [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Damage Assessment [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Department of the Interior [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: EPA [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Exxon [1] [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Exxon [2] [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Fact Sheet and President's Remarks [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: FEMA [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Legislation [1] [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Legislation [2] [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Phone List [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Presidential Memos [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: Presidential Statement [OA/ID 02057]
 Oil Spill – Alaska: President's Talking Points [OA/ID 02057]

Oil Spill – Alaska: Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation [OA/ID 02057]
Oil Spill – Alaska: Small Business Administration [OA/ID 02057]
Oil Spill – Alaska: Spill Control Association [OA/ID 02057]
Oil Spill – Alaska: Statutory Authority for Federal Action [OA/ID 02057]
Oil Spill – Alaska: Task Force Report [OA/ID 02057]
Oil Spill – Alaska: Trustees, Natural Resources [OA/ID 02057]
Oil Spill – Alaska: Trustees, DOI Rules [1] [OA/ID 02057]
Oil Spill – Alaska: Trustees, DOI Rules [2] [OA/ID 02057]
Oil Spill – Alaska: VP Visit [OA/ID 02057]
Oil Spill – Alaska: Yost (Adm.) Correspondence [OA/ID 02057]

Miscellaneous Files

[Valdez] Oil Spills [OA/ID 08614]
Oil Spill [OA/ID 08614]

National Security Council

Lampley, Virginia, Files—Subject Files
Oil Spill Legislation [OA/ID CF01361]

Leach, Jerry, Files—Subject Files

Oil Spill Liability [OA/ID CF00167]
[Exxon] Valdez Oil Spill [OA/ID CF00168]

Policy Development

Anderson, Betsy, Files
Oil Pollution Act [OA/ID 08759]

Goldstein, Ed, Files

Exxon Valdez [OA/ID 06685]
Oil Spillability [1] [OA/ID 06686]
Oil Spillability [2] [OA/ID 06686]
Oil Spill [1] [OA/ID 06686]
Oil Spill [2] [OA/ID 06686]

Gorman, Teresa, Files

Oil Spill [OA/ID 07665]

Maloley, Nancy, Files

Alaska Oil Spill I [OA/ID 04151]
Alaska Oil Spill II [OA/ID 04151]
Oil Spill Liability [OA/ID 04151]

Roellig, Paul, Files

Alaska Oil Spill [1] [OA/ID 04150]
Alaska Oil Spill [2] [OA/ID 04150]
Valdez Oil Spill [OA/ID 04150]

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