

**PRIMARY RESTORATION**

**GUIDANCE DOCUMENT FOR  
NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT  
UNDER THE OIL POLLUTION ACT OF 1990**

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