

**Subject:** Delaware River restoration proposal  
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Dear NOAA,

I agree with Van Rossem of the Delaware Riverkeeper that a more comprehensive and widespread clean up is necessary in response to the Athos 1 tanker spill. As she pointed out, 1,700 acres were damaged and the current plan only calls for the restoration of 300. It is in our best interest to fully address this problem. The animals and plants around the river are not the only things who are being negatively effected by the oil. We humans live on the river, drink water from the river, use the water to irrigate crops, and for transportation. Not doing a full clean up is an enormous health risk to all of the communities in the area. The health of the environment we live in and our own health are inseparable. When our environment suffers, we will suffer.

I think the bill cosponsored by Rep. Robert Andrews is a good start, but it would be a huge mistake to assume that it alone will solve the problem.

Sincerely,

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A Concerned Resident of the Area