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Mr. Richard McCartney Scout Executive Moraine Trails Council BSA 830 Morton Avenue Extension Butler, PA 16001

Dear Mr. McCartney:

It was a pleasure to talk with you recently about providing funds to the Moraine Trails Council for use to support environmental projects.

As we discussed, the funds are the outcome of a voluntary, innovative, and cooperative agreement between BP and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP). The agreement, known as the Multi-Site Agreement (MSA), calls for BP and PADEP to meet certain annual targets regarding the cleanup of petroleum-impacted retail sites and storage facilities. When those targets are exceeded (i.e., a certain number of sites have a remedy for cleanup in place or cleanup completed), BP makes monetary contributions to PADEP for use in support of environmental initiative projects. In years past, the funds were used to clean up an old tire dump outside Pittsburgh, to install solar panels at the Governor's Residence in Harrisburg, and to install solar panels at the PADEP office in Norristown, outside of Philadelphia.

This year, the MSA Oversight Committee (comprised of PADEP and BP members), which directs where the funds can be used, has chosen to invest the funds in environmental projects selected and performed by the Boy Scouts of America. Three councils from regions that have not yet received environmental initiative contributions have been chosen to receive the funds. Each council (Northeastern Pennsylvania, Minsi Trails, and Moraine Trails) will receive \$4,525 to utilize on environmental projects. The details of that funding are attached for your review.

BP is pleased to provide your Council with the funds from this cooperative agreement. We are certain the funds will be put to good use by the Boy Scouts, who have a long history of conducting projects that benefit communities.



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We look forward to hearing about the outstanding projects completed with the support of these funds.

Sincerely,

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## 2006 BP/PADEP MSA Environmental initiative Proposal Boy Scouts of America Environmental Project Funding

#### Introduction

The BP/Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) Cooperative Multi-Site Agreement (MSA) is a voluntary agreement between *BP* and the PADEP to guide the cleanup of petroleum-impacted retail and bulk storage facilities (sites). In order to show cooperation between BP and PADEP, and progress in managing this group of sites toward project completion, certain key milestones were included in the MSA. If *BP* exceeds the MSA annual goal for number of sites with a cleanup Remedy in Place (RIP), then BP provides a monetary contribution to one, or more Environmental Initiatives proposed by BP and concurred with by PADEP.

#### Fund Distribution

The environmental initiative amount for 2006 is \$13, 575. BP and the PADEP have agreed to a proposal initiated by the MSA Oversight Committee to fund appropriate environmental projects for The Boy Scouts of America (BSA). More specifically, this financial contribution will be allocated to BSA councils in western and northeastern Pennsylvania as follows:

- Northeastern Pennsylvania Council \$4,525
- Minsi Trails Council \$4,525
- Moraine Trails Council \$4,525.

#### Eligible Projects

BP is providing these financial contributions to the Northeastern Pennsylvania, Minsi Trails, and Moraine Trails Councils to assist in funding environmental projects. These projects may come from a variety of programs including, but not limited to, Eagle Scout projects, council camp improvement projects, or William T. Hornaday award projects. However, to ensure an equitable distribution of the funds within each council, BP asks that either the funds be divided equally among the districts, or they be used by a council camp (or camps) in order to benefit everyone within the council. If the funds are distributed among the districts, BP asks that each BSA district communicate the fund availability to their individual BSA troops. This will provide the boys with an opportunity to think of, and execute their own environmental projects.

While there is flexibility with the range and scope of what BP feels are appropriate projects, the following criteria and examples should be used to determine if a project is eligible to receive financial assistance from this BP endowment:

#### Criteria:

• Project must result in a direct positive effect for the environment or wildlife, or the public's ability to enjoy these experiences.

#### Project Examples:

- Eagle Scout projects that would be appropriate may include erosion control or revegetation near sensitive areas such as stream banks, trail building or improvement, wildlife habitat improvement such as wood duck boxes or bat houses, control of invasive plant species such as multi-flora rose on game lands, etc.
- Council camp improvement projects may include the construction or improvement of nature trails, updating camp facilities to "green" buildings or support systems, or purchasing products or materials to support wildlife and natural resource conservation programs for the campers.
- Hornaday Awards are variable in their scope and timeframe. Also, they may be Individual or Unit Awards. A Unit Award can be completed by Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, Venturing Crews, and Sea Scout ships. The "Unit" must complete a single project in which 60 percent of the Unit participates in an effort to improve the environment or conserve natural resources. Unit Award projects could be similar to Eagle Scout, or Council camp projects, though they would be larger in scale because of the additional manpower available for the project. No further details will be given regarding the Hornaday Awards since the BSA has their own strict guidelines regarding these awards and the application and judging process.

### Appropriation of Funds Verification

The environmental initiative funds will be distributed to three BSA councils as indicated in the Fund Distribution Section. BP and PADEP require that this money be placed into a separate account to be managed by each BSA council. By "manage," BP and PADEP expect the BSA councils to review and approve projects and to document that allocated funds have been spent appropriately. Until the funds are exhausted, BP and PADEP would like to receive a written annual update on what type(s) of projects were supported, and how the money was spent on each of these projects. BP and PADEP are confident the BSA will ensure these funds are used solely for improving the environment, protecting wildlife, conserving natural resources, or making these experiences more accessible to the public. Both BP and the PADEP are excited to support BSA projects with an environmental or natural resource purpose.

Signatures

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