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Mr. Paul Pizzi  
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Dear Paul:

It is my privilege to address the value of the services you and E.Vironment have brought to Marathon in the past couple of years. Your services as a facilitator in our business transformation project in 2003, called Project Hurricane, gave my Health, Environment & Safety organization the opportunity to not only receive the views of someone with years of experience and an objective external view of our business, but also the guidance and drive to keep us "on track" and attain tangible results in a short period of time. As I think you are aware, the process you introduced us to in Project Hurricane was later used as the conceptual model for what developed in early 2004 as a companywide transformation of our upstream business.

E.Vironment, through your leadership, has also been a very valuable partner in the evaluation and development of our position on environmental liabilities in connection with Marathon Oil Corporation's buyout of Ashland Inc.'s 38% interest in Marathon Ashland Petroleum LLC. For many months leading up to the closing of the transaction on June 30, 2005, your staff of professionals worked closely with members of my staff as well as Marathon's senior management team in evaluating and advising us on a variety of complex issues. Marathon's potential environmental exposure was identified as a pivotal part of the transaction, and the professional services provided by you and your team at E.Vironment were critical to this deal.

In the days ahead, with the re-integration of our upstream and downstream, I look forward to working with you and E.Vironment.

Sincerely,

  
Daniel J. Sullenbarger