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**Subject:** Re: SpaceX Marine Division - Hovercraft  
**Date:** Monday, May 1, 2023 8:22:45 AM

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Language in this letter includes Joan's from before. This letter is for same hovercraft operation. The first letters we wrote were to Tom Byrd, the individual contractor that SpaceX said was doing it and SpaceX had no responsibility for that. Then later Mr. Byrd told us he was a contractor for SpaceX. He was a contractor for a few months, then he states SpaceX had its Marine Division take over, he was no longer involved since August 2022. We asked Matt about it in a call and he confirmed SpaceX had the project.

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some comments and edits, once done ready for formatting and signature.

It appears comments Joan had on the other hovercraft letter are incorporated in this one?

is this a separate operation that Tom Byrds?

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I have internet back. Here is a draft letter to SpaceX for hovercraft use for review.