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Memorandum

To: Bureau and Office Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Practitioners

From: Emily Joseph, Director
Office of Restoration and Damage Assessment

Date: January 10, 2023

Subject: Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program Awards 2023 Request for Nominations (**Due Date: February 24, 2023**)

The Department of the Interior's (DOI) Office of Restoration and Damage Assessment (ORDA) is requesting your nominations for the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) Program Awards. ORDA has six categories of awards to recognize individuals who, through their dedication and personal perseverance, have furthered the DOI NRDAR Program's mission with much needed work products or support. The six award categories are: Technical Support Award, Damage Assessment Award, Restoration Award, Leadership/Management Award, Group Award, and Sustained Performance Award.

Your assistance is needed in nominating individuals who you believe meet the criteria delineated for any one of the six categories of awards (see attached for a detailed discussion of each award category).

Please consider this request and provide any nominations you would like to make using this [form](#) by **February 24, 2023**. For DOI employees, immediate supervisors and the NRDAR Program Executive Committee members will be contacted for their approval and concurrence prior to the presentation of any awards.

Although six categories of awards have been established, an award for each category may not be issued every year. Granting of each award will be dependent upon the evaluation of the nominations received for each category and, for monetary awards, funding availability. Awards will be announced at the 2023 NRDAR National Workshop that will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana from April 17-21, 2023.

If you have any questions or need additional information related to the 2023 NRDAR Program Awards, please contact Karen Scurry at karen_scurry@ios.doi.gov or 202-897-7168.

Attachment

cc: NRDAR Executive Committee
NRDAR Technical Support Group