



June 19, 2020

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709 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
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**Re: Docket Number USCG-2020-0188 (Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council)**

Admiral Bell,

Once again, I find it a pleasure as a member of industry to fully support the recertification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (CIRCAC). CIRCAC continues to be the proactive organization in Cook Inlet we rely on, which provides spill prevention expertise, advocacy of facility safety standards, and a very thorough public review process of Glacier's contingency plan amendments and renewals. All of these measures continue to promote and protect Cook Inlet's waters, shorelines, cultural, natural and wildlife resources. At Glacier Oil and Gas Corporation, we truly look upon CIRCAC as a partner in the ethical and environmentally conscious development of our Cook Inlet assets.

Of note for CIRCAC, is its ability to identify risks and work with industry in order to mitigate the risks. Because of this partnership, Glacier Oil & Gas has implemented a number of solid recommendations suggested by CIRCAC which has improved facility state-of readiness.

CIRCAC has continued to maintain its programs I wrote of in my last letter supporting its recertification on June 6, 2017. CIRCAC has notably added to that extensive list with the following achievements for this certification period:

- Completing multi-year near-shore habitat assessment
- Launching groundbreaking study of marine snow as an oil transporter
- Increasing public outreach efforts through new, local advertising, exhibits and expanding audiences for its newsletter, website, and social media
- Expanding Geographic Response Information Database (GRID) in scope and accessibility
- Working with regulators to maintain a robust Vessels of Opportunity program
- Upgrading the Cook Inlet Ice Monitoring Camera Network with modern video technology

I continue to count on CIRCAC attendance for each and every contingency drill that is held by Glacier. Their expertise, advice, and counsel, are crucial to the Unified Command, as well as the Operations, and Planning Sections. Continues to not only act in the capacity of external stakeholder, but steps in as needed with the Joint Information Center, and especially with the Liaison Officer and stakeholder engagement efforts during the simulated incidents. That insight and knowledge has proven to be valuable when public interactions are required.

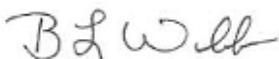
Because of CIRCAC's extensive body of research on Cook Inlet's biology, chemistry, geomorphology, and oceanography, it has aided industry in understanding our interactions and impacts of operations in this sensitive environment. As such, their science programs continue to provide timely and valuable data about coastal habitats, physical oceanography and oil behavior. CIRCAC's programs have greatly aided Glacier in maintaining its high standards as a responsible operator in Cook Inlet.

CIRCAC continues to be the lone voice that has forged relationships between industry and its stakeholders. It believes that these partnerships create the consensus decision-making required for environmental monitoring and oil spill prevention programs to promote safe production and transportation of oil, while co-existing with environmental, commercial and recreational interests of Cook Inlet. This has been proved-out once more, via achieving the long-term goal of closing the Drift River Oil Terminal on the West side of Cook Inlet, which has remained in the shadow of the very active volcano, Mt. Redoubt. With the new pipeline in place to ship oil to be refined, Glacier's operations are safer, more cost-efficient, as well as having the risk of an oil-related spill incident greatly reduced.

It based on the topics mentioned above, that I once more and strongly urge the U.S. Coast Guard to recertify CIRCAC. Its work is not done, and industry relies on this asset and partnership to ensure a positive impact on Cook Inlet for the future.

I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have, and my contact information is found at the bottom of the page.

Sincerely,



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