



**Marathon Petroleum Company LP**

July 15, 2020

Rear Admiral Bell  
D-17 Commander  
United States Coast Guard  
709 W. 9th Street Juneau, AK 99801

Docket Number: USCG-2020-0188 Dear Admiral Bell:

On behalf of Marathon Petroleum Company LP, we express support for recertification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (RCAC).

Marathon Kenai refinery located 60 miles southwest of Anchorage on the Cook Inlet produces gasoline, gasoline blend stock, jet fuel, diesel fuel, heating oil, heavy fuel oil, propane and asphalt. We transport crude oil, refined products and blend stocks on double-hull tankers and pipelines through Cook Inlet from the Kenai Peninsula to the Kenai refinery and Anchorage.

The RCAC has achieved significant accomplishments in areas of environmental monitoring and oil spill prevention, preparedness and response. The RCAC fosters and develops partnerships with industry; local, state and federal regulators; and the citizens of Cook Inlet. An important example is the establishment of the Cook Inlet Harbor Safety Committee which would not have taken place without the leadership of Mike Munger and the RCAC. The Harbor Safety Committee represents a significant improvement in safety of navigation and communication in Cook Inlet among stake holders. One recent success of the RCAC has been collaborating with industry to complete the long-term goal of closing Drift River Oil Terminal on the West side of the Cook Inlet at the base of Mt. Redoubt an active volcano. The terminal posed a significant safety hazard because of its location in the shadow of the volcano. The oil is now transported by pipeline instead of tanker reducing risk of oil spill in the Inlet.

The RCAC is an important stakeholder managing environmental stewardship in Cook Inlet and providing a conduit for successful communication between industry, government and citizens. Marathon values their input and future opportunities for working together with Mike Munger and the Cook Inlet RCAC.

Marathon supports the approval of the Cook Inlet RCACs application for recertification.  
Sincerely,

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