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Cook Inlet Regional Citizens' Advisory Council
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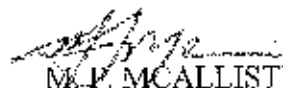
Dear Mr. Munger,

After review of the 2017 triennial recertification package dated March 10, 2017 submitted by the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (CIRCAC), I certify the CIRCAC as an alternative voluntary advisory group permitted under Subsection 5002(o) of the Oil Pollution Terminal and Oil Tanker Environmental Oversight and Monitoring Act of 1990 (OPA 90). This recertification terminates August 31, 2018.

Of the 46 comments received during the public comment period, 45 were supportive of recertification and noted the positive efforts demonstrated by CIRCAC as it carries out its mission and responsibilities as intended by the Act. We received one comment from the Alaska Chamber requesting Coast Guard involvement to restore the Chamber to the Tourism seal. After legal review, the Coast Guard determined that CIRCAC operated within the regulatory boundaries provided by OPA 90.

Since your last triennial recertification in 2015, the council has continued its efforts to improve communications and cultivate collaborations through partnerships with industry, government, and local communities. My staff and I look forward to continuing to work with you, in the spirit of partnership and collaboration, in accordance with federal law, and as Congress intended in OPA 90 to maintain and improve safe and environmentally sound transportation of oil throughout Cook Inlet.

Sincerely,


M.P. MCALLISTER
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard
Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District

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