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Cook Inlet Regional Citizens' Advisory Council
Attn: Mr. Michael Munger, Executive Director
8195 Kenai Spur Hwy
Kenai, Alaska 99611

Dear Mr. Munger:

After review of the recertification package submitted by the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (CIRCAC) dated April 28, 2021, I certify the CIRCAC as an alternative voluntary advisory group permitted under 33 U.S.C. 2732(o) of the Oil Pollution Terminal and Oil Tanker Environmental Oversight and Monitoring Act of 1990.

While reviewing your application, I noted the CIRCAC funding agreement has been amended to include natural gas operations. Regardless of that change, only companies subject to 33 U.S.C. 2732(o)(2) are required to fund CIRCAC. Funding CIRCAC makes any contingency plan required for oil or OPA90-related operations effective. Operations within Cook Inlet may be subject to federal enforcement if they do not have a required contingency plan in effect.

This recertification terminates August 31, 2022.

Under the guidelines established by the Coast Guard in 2002, this re-certification is part of the streamlined inspection process, in which only substantive changes were reported by your office and the Coast Guard did not seek public comment.

I look forward to the Coast Guard's continued work with you toward our common goal of improving the safe and environmentally sound transportation of oil in Cook Inlet and its surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "N. A. Moore".

N. A. MOORE

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard
Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District

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