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Rear Admiral Daniel B. Abel  
Commander, 17<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District  
United States Coast Guard  
c/o Docket Management Facility (M-30)  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
West Building Ground Floor  
Room W12-140  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Re: USCG-2014-0414; Cook Inlet RCAC Recertification

Dear Admiral:

On behalf of AVTEC, I would like to express our support for the recertification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (Cook Inlet RCAC).

Cook Inlet RCAC has partnered with AVTEC's Alaska Maritime Training Center in the past working on simulator for ice navigation.

Among their many accomplishments, Cook Inlet RCAC effectively lobbied for a dedicated docking assist and rescue tug for Cook Inlet and safer means to transport oil across Cook Inlet. The Council was instrumental in securing funding for and launching the first comprehensive Cook Inlet Navigational Risk Assessment, a project that has been supported region-wide by industry and Cook Inlet citizens alike. As part of this assessment, which is now nearing completion, the Council is spearheading an area-wide harbor safety committee. Moreover, such pioneering projects as the Ice Forecasting Network of Cameras and the Alaska Coastal Mapping Program have improved our ability to prevent, plan for and respond to oil spills.

We look forward to supporting them in this effort and in future projects, and respectfully request the Coast Guard approve Cook Inlet RCAC's application for recertification.

Sincerely,

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