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Rear Admiral Michael F. McAllister
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17th Coast Guard District (M)
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Attn: Lt. Jonathan Dale

Subject: Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council Recertification Application

Dear Rear Admiral McAllister:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (department) supports the recertification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (CIRCAC). CIRCAC supports and provides valuable contributions toward achieving the mission expressed in the Oil Pollution Act of 1990.

The department partners with CIRCAC, industry, and other government agencies to continuously seek improvements to spill prevention and response capabilities in Cook Inlet. An example of such partnership is the reevaluation of the 2001 Cook Inlet Pipeline Study, and our continued combined effort to update the study to accurately reflect the infrastructure currently in use in the Cook Inlet marine environment. We value CIRCAC's review and expertise regarding oil discharge prevention and contingency plans, as well as their participation in oil spill response exercises and drills. They have proven themselves to be effective in strengthening our ability to prevent and respond to oil spills in Cook Inlet.

There is a continuing need for the constructive problem solving and positive contribution of the CIRCAC and we support their recertification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry Hartig".

Larry Hartig
Commissioner

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