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Mr. Michael Munger, Executive Director CIRCAC
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Dear Mr. Munger,

After review of the 2014 re-certification package 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. This re-certification terminates August 31, 2015. However, recertification in 2015 will only require a letter describing any substantive changes to the thorough information you provided during this 2014 recertification cycle.

We received 54 comments from the public commenting on the proposed action. No public meeting was requested, and none was held. All of the 54 comments received were in support of the CIRCAC application for recertification and consistently cited CIRCAC's broad representation of the respective community's interests, appropriate actions to keep the public informed, improvements to both spill response preparation and spill prevention, and oil spill industry monitoring efforts that combat complacency as intended by the Act. All comments were taken into consideration, together with the information provided with the CIRCAC 2014 application for recertification. The totality of the comments and information provided establishes that the CIRCAC satisfies the requirements necessary to obtain recertification under the Act, 33 U.S.C. 2732 et seq.

I look forward to 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,


D.B. ABEL

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard
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