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Rear Admiral Michael F. McAllister
Commander – 17th Coast Guard District
United States Coast Guard
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Attn: Lt. Jonathan Dale

RE: Docket Number: USCG-2017-0289

Dear Admiral:

On behalf of Cook Inlet Spill Prevention and Response, Inc. (CISPRI), I would like to express our support for the recertification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (CIRCAC).

CISPRI's Mission is to provide our Member companies with the most professional, effective contingency planning assistance and oil spill cleanup as possible. We continuously strive toward quality improvements to satisfy evolving expectations and requirements of our Member companies, governmental agencies, and the general public. As an ex-officio member of our Board of Directors, CIRCAC is a key partner in the areas of oil spill prevention, response and preparedness. CIRCAC is also recognized as a respected and effective voice on behalf of Cook Inlet's citizens.

We work closely with CIRCAC during oil spill response drills and exercises, and we benefit from the scientific and local knowledge, expertise, and projects that they bring to the table. CIRCAC has worked closely with CISPRI, state regulators, and industry during the design and testing of new oil spill recovery equipment, which has since been incorporated into and improved our overall oil spill response capabilities.

As a reviewer of the Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plans for crude oil exploration, production, and transportation facilities, CIRCAC provides value on an ongoing basis. We welcome opportunities to work together with the staff and share information that will make oil facility operations and marine transportation safer in Cook Inlet.

We look forward to continuing our positive relationship with CIRCAC and respectfully request the Coast Guard approve CIRCAC's most recent application for recertification.

Sincerely,

Todd D. Paxton
CISPRI General Manager