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Rear Admiral Michael F. McAllister
Commander – 17th Coast Guard District
United States Coast Guard
709 W. 9th Street
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Attn: Lt. Jonathan Dale
Docket Number: USCG-2017-0289

Dear Admiral:

I am writing to express Hilcorp Alaska's (Hilcorp) support for the recertification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (CIRCAC).

CIRCAC is an effective organization that promotes programs to prevent spills, enhance safety in both marine transportation and oil facilities operations, and protect Cook Inlet's waters, shorelines, cultural, natural and wildlife resources.

Hilcorp is one of the largest oil and natural gas exploration and production companies operating in Cook Inlet and is therefore one of CIRCAC's funding companies. CIRCAC's role in our industry as established by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 is one that Hilcorp certainly supports.

CIRCAC works hard to ensure they are properly representing the diverse vested interests within the region. Hilcorp has and will continue to welcome opportunities to work together with the entire CIRCAC organization to share information that lends to safer oil facility operations and marine transportation in Cook Inlet.

We are proud to host and support a portion of CIRCAC's established ice camera network that provides real-time, remotely accessed imagery of ice conditions for ice forecasters to increase navigation safety. In addition, Hilcorp appreciates CIRCAC's participation in within our Incident Command System during spill drills and during actual response actions. Last but not least CIRCAC's work with the Alaska Ocean Observing System to develop the Cook Inlet Response Tool created an invaluable resource for producers, responders and stakeholders alike.

On behalf of Hilcorp Alaska, I ask that you please consider recertifying CIRCAC so that they may continue their work in Cook Inlet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Wilkins', written over a light blue horizontal line.

David S. Wilkins
Senior Vice President