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## Coast Guard seeks comments for CIRCAC certification



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The U.S. Coast Guard is seeking public comment as the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council applies for recertification.

CIRCAC was created after the Exxon Valdez oil spill under a provision from the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. Its purpose is to “represent the citizens of Cook Inlet in promoting environmentally safe marine transportation and oil facility operations,” according to its website. The City of Kodiak and the Kodiak Island Borough each have a representative that sits on the CIRCAC Board of Directors.

Lynda Giguere, the director of public outreach for CIRCAC, said that CIRCAC is one of two organizations created by an act of congress to represent citizens in oil production.

“In this way, we are uniquely positioned to have a say,” she said.

Giguere said that the USCG is “not only looking at what we’re doing but how well we’re doing it.” She says it is a question of “the value we bring to the community with the work we are performing.”

The recertification process was changed in 2002 from an annual to a triennial comprehensive review, with the last comprehensive review taking place in 2014.

Comments from the public will be accepted until July 31 and can be submitted online via the following website [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), or mailed to the following address. They ask that the Reference Docket Number is included:

Rear Admiral Michael F. McAllister, Commander

United States Coast Guard District 17

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Attention: Lt. Jonathon Dale

Reference Docket Number – USCG-2017-0289