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June 24, 2014

Rear Admiral Daniel B. Abel
Commander, 17th Coast Guard District
United States Coast Guard
c/o Docket Management Facility (M-30)
U.S. Department of Transportation
West Building Ground Floor
Room W12-140
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590-0001

RE: Docket # USCG-2014-0414 Cook Inlet RCAC Recertification

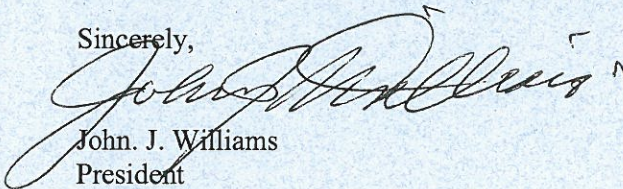
Dear Admiral Abel:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, our staff and members of the organization let me first take the opportunity to both congratulate and welcome you to your new command. Alaska is a unique area, and as such requires a unique command and oversight structure. We at CIRCAC, as you are aware, are one of only two organizations of its type in the United States, having been mandated by Congress under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. Our mission is to protect the waters of Cook Inlet from accidental spills and discharges as we continue to produce much of our needed energy, and transport that energy to its markets.

We recognize the responsibility of the United States Coast Guard in your oversight of our organization and the responsibilities that you have in certifying both our organization and the work we do. We are now in the process of seeking that recertification and ask for your continued support in fulfilling our mission. As in the past 20 years, we also look forward to continuing our long relationship and developing stronger ties in fulfilling our mission to protect the waters of the Cook Inlet and to insure safe drilling, production and transportation of our energy source for the rest of the country.

Any future information that you may need to assist you and your staff in obtaining a clearer view and understanding of our mission, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our organization and our Executive Director – Mr. Mike Munger – are on call 24/7, and will be happy to furnish you with any necessary data, plans, and communications you may need. Once again on behalf of all of us here at CIRCAC, welcome aboard your new command.

Sincerely,



John J. Williams
President

cc RA Daniel B. Abel - Juneau