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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, D.C. 20590-0001

Re: USCG-2014-0414; Cook Inlet RCAC Recertification

Dear Admiral:

On behalf of Tesoro Maritime Company, I would like to express my support for the recertification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (Cook Inlet RCAC).

Tesoro's Kenai refinery, located 60 miles southwest of Anchorage on the Cook Inlet, produces gasoline and gasoline blend stocks, jet fuel, diesel fuel, heating oil and heavy fuel oils, propane and asphalt. Crude oil is delivered by double-hulled tankers through Cook Inlet and by pipeline from the Kenai Peninsula in Cook Inlet. We are a supporter of Cook Inlet RCAC's mission and work.

Cook Inlet RCAC has achieved significant accomplishments in the areas of environmental monitoring, and oil spill prevention, response and preparedness, a result of a concerted effort to foster and develop a partnership with industry, local, state and federal governments and the citizens of Cook Inlet. Together we were able to achieve our goal of putting a dedicated docking assist tug in Cook Inlet, one designed specifically for Cook Inlet. This has been a significant accomplishment for both organizations and our operations are safer because of it.

We consider our relationship with Cook Inlet RCAC important to enhancing our understanding of the region and we are among the many beneficiaries of the research studies they have done in the coastal habitats. We value their input and welcome opportunities to work together with the Board of Directors, Committees and staff and share information that can make marine transportation safer in Cook Inlet.

We look forward to continuing this relationship and respectfully request the Coast Guard to approve the Cook Inlet RCAC's application for recertification.

Sincerely,


Captain Marc Bayer

Director Shipping Operations
Tesoro Maritime Company