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Rear Admiral Megan Dean  
United States Coast Guard  
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Subject: Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council Recertification Application

Dear Rear Admiral Dean:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) supports the recertification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (CIRCAC). CIRCAC supports and provides valuable contributions toward achieving the mission expressed in the Oil Pollution Act of 1990.

DEC partners with CIRCAC, industry, and other government agencies to continuously seek improvements to spill prevention and response capabilities in Cook Inlet.

CIRCAC's achievements over the past three years include, but are not limited to:

- Updated Alaska ShoreZone visual data with new surveys along the outer Kenai Peninsula coast.
- Received study plan approval from BOEM for data needs for model validation in Cook Inlet.
- Advocated for a strengthening of oil spill prevention and response regulations.
- Increased public outreach efforts through new, local advertising, exhibits and expanding audiences for its newsletter, website, and social media.
- Expanded Geographic Response Information Database (GRID) in scope and accessibility.
- Participated on, and provided expertise to the Cook Inlet Harbor Safety Committee.
- Expanded the Cook Inlet Ice Monitoring Camera Network with modern video technology.

We value CIRCAC's review and expertise regarding oil discharge prevention and contingency plans, as well as their participation in oil spill response exercises and drills. They have proven themselves to be effective in strengthening our ability to prevent and respond to oil spills in Cook Inlet.

There is a continuing need for the constructive problem solving and positive contribution of CIRCAC and we support their recertification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason W. Brune".

Jason W. Brune  
Commissioner

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