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Mr. William M. Walker  
President  
Prince William Sound Regional  
Citizens' Advisory Council  
750 W. 2nd Avenue, Suite 100  
Anchorage, Alaska 99504-2168

Dear Mr. Walker:

Your request for recertification of the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (RCAC) as the alternative voluntary advisory group in lieu of council for Prince William Sound, Alaska, is approved. The approval, pursuant to the provisions of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90), Section 5002(o), is effective July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997. A notice of the recertification will be published in the Federal Register.

The information provided with your request for recertification indicates that the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (PWSRCAC) is working toward fulfilling the mandates of OPA 90 as outlined in the Act. That is, "to foster the general goals and purposes of the Act, and assure that the Council is broadly representative of the communities and interests in the vicinity of the terminal facilities and crude oil tankers operating in Prince William Sound, Alaska."

Comments received from industry, government and the general public in Prince William Sound were very favorable, and supported your request for recertification. However, comments received from Arco Marine and Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, while supporting recertification, offered constructive criticism in several areas. I believe their letters are worthy of the Council's consideration and have enclosed copies for your information and any necessary resolution.


I recommend that you address and document each issue raised by Arco and Alyeska and include this documentation in your application for recertification next year.

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Subj: REPLY TO MR. WALKER'S REQUEST FOR RECERTIFICATION OF  
PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND RCAC.

We appreciate PWSRCAC's endeavor to provide oversight and monitoring of the terminal facilities and tanker operations in Prince William Sound, Alaska, and your support of the Prince William Sound risk assessment and participation on the Marine Fire Protection Task Force. We look forward to working with you during the coming year.

Sincerely,

  
J. C. CARD  
REAR ADMIRAL, U.S. COAST GUARD  
CHIEF, MARINE SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Encl: (1) Arco Marine's Comments  
(2) Alyeska Pipeline Service Company's Comments

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