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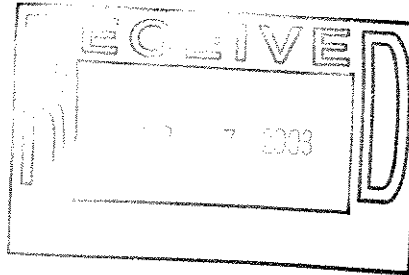


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Mr. Stephen Lewis
Board President
Prince William Sound Regional Citizen's Advisory Council
3709 Spenard Rd.
Anchorage, AK 99503

Dear Mr. Allen,

After review of the certification package submitted by the Prince William Sound Regional Citizen's Advisory Council (PWSRCAC), I certify the PWSRCAC as an alternative voluntary advisory group permitted under Subsection 5002(o) of the Oil Pollution Terminal and Oil Tanker Environmental Oversight and Monitoring Act of 1990. This re-certification terminates on February 29, 2004.

Under the guidelines established by the Coast Guard's September 16, 2002 Federal Register entry this recertification falls under the streamlined application process and as such no public feedback was requested by the Coast Guard. Accordingly, no public comments will be provided for your feedback.

The PWSRCAC continues to make great progress on the myriad of projects undertaken to improve safety and quality of the marine environment. Your accomplishments continue to make a noticeable difference in "how we do business".

My staff and I look forward to continue working with you on our common goal of improving the safe and environmentally sound transport of oil in the Prince William Sound and surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

J. J. Davin, Jr.

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Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
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