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Dr. John S. Devens Executive Director Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council 339 Hazelet Avenue Valdez, AK 99686

Dear Dr. Devens,

After review of the certification package submitted by the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' 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 28, 2005.

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. A comprehensive information submission, following the provisions under 33 U.S.C. 2732(o), will be required for a 2005 recertification.

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 Prince William Sound and surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

J. W. UNDERWOOD

Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard

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