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Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council Attn: Dr. John S. Devens P.O. Box 3089 Valdez, AK 99686

Dear Dr. Devens:

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 (OPA 90). This re-certification terminates on February 28, 2007.

Under the guidelines established by the Coast Guard in 2002, this recertification fell under the streamlined inspection process and as such only substantive changes were reported by your office and public comment was not sought by the Coast Guard.

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

Sincefely,

JAMES C. OLSON Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard

Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District

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