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C/O: KIRBY CORPORATION
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KIRBY 20004 (635252):

Your Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (SOPEP), control number 13322, has been reviewed and found to be in compliance with the requirements of Regulation 37 of Annex I of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL 73/78).

This approval will remain valid until **February 17, 2023**. You must review your plan annually within 1 month of the anniversary date of the plan's expiration date and submit a letter to this office certifying that the review has been completed. Any alteration or revision made to the plan, with the exception of those made to the appendices and non-mandatory provisions must be submitted to this office for review and approval prior to the implementation of the revision. Further, the entire plan must be resubmitted to the Coast Guard for reapproval 6 months before the end of the approval period of the plan.

I remind you that your plan is a vital working document and that implementing the plan will help ensure effective response and mitigation in the event of an oil pollution incident. Please be sure that all parties with responsibilities under the plan are familiar with the plan's procedures and requirements.

This letter shall be maintained onboard the vessel and placed in the front of the plan.

Sincerely,

Kevin C. Boyd
Commander, U.S. Coast Guard
Vessel Response Plan Program Manager
By direction

The action has been thoroughly reviewed by the USCG, and determined to be categorically excluded under current USCG CE(s) # 31 from further environmental documentation, in accordance with Section 2.B.2. and Figure 2-1 of the National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures and Policy for Considering Environmental Impacts, COMDTINST M16475.1D, as authorized by DHS MD 5100.1.