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DONJON-SMIT
Attn. Mr. Paul Hankins
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Dear Mr. Hankins:

The Coast Guard appreciates your proactive efforts to discuss the acceptability to the Coast Guard of the proposed DONJON-SMIT, LLC, Salvage, Firefighting and Lightering Contract and Funding Agreement (Agreement) contained in your December 3, 2009 submission. We note that you made the changes we recommended to you in our November 25, 2009 letter. When executed, this Agreement will designate DONJON-SMIT as a salvage and marine firefighting response services contractor to a vessel owner/operator as required by the Salvage and Marine Firefighting Requirements; Vessel Response Plans for Oil; Final Rule dated December 31, 2008.

The proposed form of the Agreement, with the commercial terms and applicable rates included for specified services attached, if executed by the parties and submitted by a vessel owner/operator in support of their necessary VRP revisions necessary for compliance with the aforementioned regulations, would be found to be acceptable by the Coast Guard in meeting the 33 Code of Federal Regulations 155.4025 definition "contract or other approved means," including the "funding agreement" component of that definition.

Thank you for providing the Coast Guard with an opportunity to review your proposed submission in advance. Your initiative and willingness to meet with my staff to discuss this matter will assist the Coast Guard as we develop national guidance on revising VRPs to meet the new regulatory requirements. Please do not hesitate to contact LCDR Ryan Allain of the VRP Program at (202) 372-1226 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. L. Boone".

G. L. BOONE
Commander, U.S. Coast Guard
Chief, Domestic Vessel Compliance Division
By direction