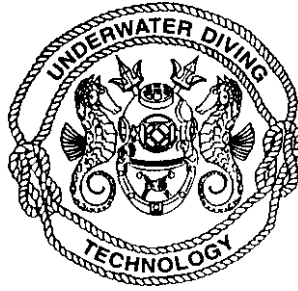


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Dear Folks:

We have just now learned of the possibility of revisions being made to the U.S. Coast Guard commercial diving operations regulations. Some years ago we had considerable input to similar considerations - all the way to providing comments by the Indiana State Police Superintendent and the Governor of Indiana. These suggestions were recognized and incorporated in the final version of those regulations.

We are wondering why we have not been contacted regarding the present study, and wish to be brought up to speed regarding these matters. Please provide us a copy of the June 26 *Federal Register* (or tell us how to obtain it). A professional magazine article states this is an 'early stage' of these considerations, so we would hope to be included in them.

Thank you for your assistance and consideration.

Sincerely,

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