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Lt. Diane Kalina Docket Management Facility US Department of Transportation Rm. PL-401 400 seventh St., S.W. Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

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Re: USCG commercial diving inspectors

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Dear Lt. Kalina,

With the revisions of the **USCG 46 CFR** for Commercial Diving Operations due out sometime this year I would encourage the **USCG** to address the enforcement of these regulations.

Dive Safety Consulting, Inc. (DSC) remains neutral as to the revisions, however, we do take the position of proactive enforcement of any regulations relating to commercial diving.

On-site inspections, by qualified inspectors would be a strong deterrent to non-compliance. Two possibilities the **USCG** may consider are:

- Contracting the administration of on-site inspection to a private firm specializing in commercial diving safety.
- Comprehensive training of USCG diving inspectors.

It is our belief that this program should be in place prior to the release of the revisions.

DSC is in the business of dive safety education, client representation (on-site), and dive accident investigation. We are currently in negotiations to provide these services in several foreign countries.

We are requesting to be included in the **USCG** mailing list concerning regulatory revisions and possible contracting of dive safety training.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these issues with the appropriate individuals involved.

Sincerely Jork Bartlett Jack Bartlett DSC