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RADM Brian M. Salerno
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U. S. Coast Guard Headquarters
2100 Second Street, SW
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Subject: Final Report of the NOSAC Diving Subcommittee

Dear Admiral Salerno,

Please find enclosed the Final Report of the NOSAC's Diving Subcommittee concerning 46 CFR 197 Subpart B.

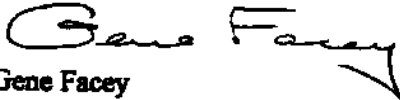
The Subcommittee was formed in April 2007, and tasked with reviewing and recommending, if needed, changes to the existing 46 CFR 197 Subpart B, a regulation that has been in effect since 1977 without a formal review by NOSAC.

The Subcommittee concluded its work in April 2008 with the issuance of a Final Report. The Final Report was unanimously approved by the NOSAC on April 18, 2008 at its Spring Meeting in Washington, DC. Copies of the Final Report were informally distributed at that time to Coast Guard personnel.

I would like to apologize for the delay in the formal submittal of this NOSAC approved Final Report to you due to a misunderstanding concerning the actual submittal and a change of NOSAC personnel.

We are hereby requesting the Coast Guard implement the recommendations contained in the Final Report.

Very truly yours,



Gene Facey
Chair, NOSAC

Attachments

cc: CDR Pat Clark w/o Attachments
Mr. Jim Magill w/o Attachments