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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON, DC 20593-0001

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Dear Mr. Facey,

This is in response to your letter of February 5, 2009 in which you submitted the Final Report of the Diving Subcommittee of the National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC). I would like to congratulate you, the members of NOSAC, and the members of the NOSAC Diving Subcommittee on this excellent report. The information and recommendations provided in this report will be of great benefit to the Coast Guard during the development of the revisions to the Commercial Diving Operations regulations (46 Code of Federal Regulations 197). Please convey my personal thanks to the members of NOSAC and the subcommittee, especially Chairman Andy Lundy, for the significant amount of work and effort that obviously went into the report.

Since the Administrative Procedure Act prevents detailed discussion of the proposed rules we can not discuss how the Coast Guard will address the recommendations in the report at this time. However, please be assured that the sound advice and valuable recommendations given in the report will be considered by the Coast Guard team charged with revising the diving regulations.

Again, my personal thanks to you and the members of NOSAC and the Subcommittee for giving of their time and effort to produce this excellent report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Salerno", written over a white background.

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