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Dear Mr. Schaefer:

Thank you for your April 10, 2013 letter to Commander Smith, of my staff, concerning the minimum manning requirements for commercial diving operations.

I commend the commitment you have given to the commercial diving industry over the years and appreciate the concerns you expressed in your letter. We are currently in the process of updating our regulations related to commercial diving, and although the public comment period has not officially begun, I will ensure that your letter is given to the regulatory project team for consideration in development of the proposed rules. Your letter, along with my response, will be retained as part of the official record of the rulemaking project.

When the proposed rules are published in the Federal Register, you and other members of the public will have an opportunity to provide additional comments. I encourage you to contribute further in our effort to improve the safety of commercial diving operations once the public comment period officially begins.

If you have any further questions or comments, please contact Commander Smith at (202) 372-1410 or by email at: Robert.L.Smith@uscg.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. C. Proctor".

R. C. PROCTOR
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By direction of the Commandant