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Decatur Marine Audit & Survey
Attn: Mr. Christian Mollitor
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Dear Sir:

The TVNCOE has completed a review of your application for approval as a Third Party Organization (TPO) dated October 18, 2017. Decatur Marine Audit & Survey is approved as a TPO in accordance with 46 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 139.

Decatur Marine Audit & Survey is approved to:

- a) conduct audits of a Towing Safety Management System (TSMS), and the vessels which the TSMS applies, to verify compliance with the applicable sections of 46 CFR Subchapter M;
- b) issue TSMS certificates to an owner or managing operator who is in compliance with 46 CFR Part 138;
- c) conduct surveys of towing vessels to verify compliance with 46 CFR Subchapter M; and
- d) issue survey reports detailing the results of surveys, carried out in compliance with 46 CFR Part 137.

Decatur Marine Audit & Survey will be placed on the TVNCOE website and listed as an approved TPO. This approval is valid for five years and will expire on December 31, 2022, unless otherwise revoked or suspended by the Coast Guard in accordance with 46 CFR Part 139.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact Mr. David Phillips at (270) 444-7715, ext. 204, or David.W.Phillips@uscg.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. R. Bender".

A. R. BENDER