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December 1, 2022

Florida Marine, LLC
C/O: FOREFRONT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, LP
ATTN: ALLIE MARTIN
1730 COTEAU ROAD
HOUMA, LA 70364

Dear Sir or Madam:

Your Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (SOPEP), Control Number 17342, for CAPT. KEITH LOFTON (1301300), has been reviewed and found to be in compliance with the requirements of Regulation 37 of Annex I of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL 73/78).

This approval will remain valid until **April 15, 2028**. You must review your plan annually within one (1) month of the anniversary date of the plan's expiration date and submit a letter to this office certifying that the review has been completed. Any alteration or revision made to the plan, with the exception of those made to the appendices and non-mandatory provisions, must be submitted to this office for review and approval prior to the implementation of the revision. Further, the entire plan must be resubmitted to the Coast Guard for reapproval six (6) months before the end of the approval period of the plan.

I remind you that your plan is a vital working document and that implementing the plan will help ensure effective response and mitigation in the event of an oil pollution incident. Please be sure that all parties with responsibilities under the plan are familiar with the plan's procedures and requirements.

This letter shall be maintained onboard the vessel and placed in the front of the plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Rivera", with a stylized flourish at the end.

R. RIVERA
Commander
Chief, Industry Preparedness and Incident Coordination Division
U.S. Coast Guard
By direction

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Your Vessel Response Plan (Control Number 17342) submitted to meet the requirements of Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 155, Subparts J and I, is **approved**. Approval will remain valid until **April 15, 2028**.

The CAPT. KEITH LOFTON (1301300) is authorized to operate only in the ports or geographic areas indicated in the Captain of the Port zones listed below. If carrying oil as fuel or secondary cargo, the vessel is prohibited from handling, storing, transporting, transferring, or lightering oil unless it is operating in full compliance with this plan. Compliance includes ensuring that required resources have been identified and planned for or are in place and available through contract or other approved means. If applicable to your route and vessel's oil carrying capacity, this includes the dispersant and aerial observation requirements of 33 CFR 155.5050.

You are reminded that your chosen salvage and marine firefighting resource provider may have submitted waivers from meeting one or more of the specified response times in accordance with 33 CFR 155.4055. If so, this may be rescinded by the U.S. Coast Guard if the appropriate response resources are not available when the approved waiver expires. You shall continue to assess the adequacy of your chosen salvors and firefighters as required by 33 CFR 155.4050.

The vessel must keep a copy of this approval letter onboard in addition to the minimum sections of the plan as required by 33 CFR 155.5030. In accordance with 33 CFR 155.5070, you are required to review your plan annually and submit plan amendments for approval. As per 33 CFR 155.1070(b), the entire plan must be resubmitted for a comprehensive review and approval no later than six (6) months prior to the expiration date.

APPROVED CAPTAIN OF THE PORT ZONES

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NEW ORLEANS
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PITTSBURGH
PORT ARTHUR AND LAKE
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