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August 16, 2024

The American Waterways Operators  
Attn: Ms. Caitlyn Stewart  
801 North Quincy Street, Suite 500  
Arlington, VA 22203

Dear Ms. Stewart:

Thank you for the five-year renewal submission of your Alternative Security Program (ASP), received July 19, 2024, for use by members in good standing of the American Waterways Operators (AWO). After a thorough review of your program, I am pleased to inform you that it meets the intent of Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 104 and is approved.

You are reminded it is the responsibility of AWO to confirm which members are in good standing and eligible to implement this ASP. You are further reminded that members utilizing this program must conduct a yearly audit and advise you of any amendments that may be needed. From time to time, the Coast Guard may also request changes and/or additions to your security program to address evolving issues. In the event revisions are required, you must submit a revised ASP to this office for review and approval.

All AWO member-companies must operate in full compliance with this ASP. Any additions to this approved plan made by a member company must be submitted to the local Captain of the Port (COTP) for approval. This ASP is sensitive security information and is required to be protected in accordance with Title 49 CFR part 1520.

This approval is valid for five years from the date of this letter. At that time, you are required to resubmit your ASP to Commandant (CG-FAC) for approval. Your members are authorized to implement this ASP immediately. However, all vessels must be operating under this renewed security program no later than 90 days from the date of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this decision, please contact Mr. Adam Cooley at 571-608-3695 or by email at [adam.j.cooley@uscg.mil](mailto:adam.j.cooley@uscg.mil).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. K. Clifford".

M. K. CLIFFORD

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