

**U.S. Department of  
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Towing Vessel Inspection Bureau  
Attn: Chris Parsonage  
P.O. Box 14169  
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Dear Mr. Parsonage:

The Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise (TVNCOE) has completed a review of your application for approval as a Third Party Organization (TPO) dated October 5, 2016. Towing Vessel Inspection Bureau is approved as a Third Party Organization in accordance with 46 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 139.

Towing Vessel Inspection Bureau 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 Subchapter M.
- d) Issue survey reports detailing the results of surveys, carried out in compliance with 46 CFR Part 137.

Towing Vessel Inspection Bureau will be placed on the TVNCOE website and listed as an approved TPO. This approval is valid for five years and will expire on January 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. Steven Douglass at (270) 444-7715, extension 205, [steven.t.douglass@uscg.mil](mailto:steven.t.douglass@uscg.mil).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J.M. Twomey".

J.M. Twomey  
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