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The Towing Vessel Inspection Bureau (TVIB)
Attn: Ms. Tava Foret
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Channelview, TX 77530

Dear Ms. Foret:

The TVNCOE completed a satisfactory renewal assessment of TVIB on April 13, 2022, and therefore have renewed your approval as a TPO in accordance with 46 CFR Part 139.

The 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.

This approval is valid for five years and will expire on April 30, 2027, 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. James Van Wormer at (270) 444-7715, extension 203, or james.h.vanwormer@uscg.mil.

Sincerely,

A.R. Bender

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