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FOIA 2020-CGFO-01820

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Dear Mr. Sorenson:

This acknowledges receipt of your June 14, 2020, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), for records concerning DEEPWATER HORIZON. Your request was received in this office on June 18, 2020.

Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Per Section 5.5(a) of the DHS FOIA regulations, 6 C.F.R. Part 5, the Coast Guard processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt. Although the Coast Guard's goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period. As the subject matter of your request is of substantial interest to two or more components of the Coast Guard, we will need to consult with those entities before we issue a final response. Due to these unusual circumstances, the Coast Guard will invoke a 10-day extension for your request, as allowed by Title 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B). If you care to narrow the scope of your request, please contact our office. We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner.

Provisions of the Act allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. We shall charge you for records in accordance with the DHS Interim FOIA regulations as they apply to non-commercial requestors. As a non-commercial requestor you will be charged 10-cents a page for duplication, although the first 100 pages are free, as are the first two hours of search time, after which you will pay the per quarter-hour rate (\$4.00, \$7.00, \$10.25) of the searcher. You stated in your request that you are willing to pay assessable fees up to \$100.00. You will be contacted before any additional fees are accrued.

We have queried the appropriate component of the Coast Guard for responsive records. If any responsive records are located, they will be reviewed for determination of releasability. Please be assured that one of the processors in our office will respond to your request as expeditiously as possible. We appreciate your patience as we proceed with your request.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, please contact this office. You may send an e-mail to efoia@uscg.mil, call 202-475-3522, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner. Additionally, you have a right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to

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your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Your request has been assigned reference number **2020-CGFO-01820**. Please refer to this identifier in any future correspondence.

Sincerely,

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