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Dear Dr. Saxon:

On behalf of the U.S. Coast Guard, I would like to thank the Association of Diving Contractors International for their efforts to continuously improve the health and safety of commercial divers.

Of significance, ADCI's *Consensus Standards for Commercial Diving and Underwater Operations* fully meet and exceed the Coast Guard's regulatory requirements for commercial diving operations found in 46 CFR 197. Now in its Fifth Edition, the ADCI Consensus Standards are considered commercial diving industry best practices and are recognized and used by the United States Coast Guard as our comprehensive guidance document.

The ADCI's industry outreach and training initiatives, combined with the regular publication of best practices, safety information, and the development of a commercial diver certification program, have reduced commercial diving fatalities in the United States. ADCI member companies also routinely provide valuable training to Coast Guard investigators and inspectors to help us improve our ability to better regulate the commercial diving industry. In addition, the U.S. Navy School of Diving and Salvage uses the standards for their certification issued to graduates including Coast Guard divers.

Thank you again for your association's leadership and commitment to helping us achieve our mutual goal of ensuring the health and safety of every commercial diver. Best wishes for the success of this year's Underwater Intervention conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael B. KARR".

M. B. KARR
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard
Chief Office of Compliance
By direction

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