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The American Waterways Operators (AWO)
Attn: Ms. Caitlyn Stewart
801 North Quincy Street
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Arlington, VA 22203

Dear Ms. Stewart:

Thank you for your request to extend AWO's Alternative Planning Criteria (APC) titled "Emergency Towing Alternative Planning Criterion". The Coast Guard is accepting your request for extending your existing APC. The period of validity of your accepted APC is extended until **January 31, 2024**. All conditions detailed in my acceptance letter dated January 28, 2019, remain valid.

All criteria in your original APC submission for emergency towing requirements dated January 9, 2018 continue to apply and are acceptable to the Coast Guard. A copy of this letter must be kept with your respective client's Vessel Response Plan. Questions concerning this letter may be directed to Mr. Christopher Friese at Christopher.R.Friese@uscg.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. L. Wirth".

T. L. Wirth
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard
Chief, Office of Marine Environmental Response Policy

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