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Ms. Lynn M. Muench
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Vice President – Midcontinent Office
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Dear Ms. Muench:

This letter is in reference to the Eighth District Policy 02-2000 dated 21 March 2006 regarding Marine Casualty Reporting Guidance for Inland Waterways, and Policy 01-2006 dated 10 March 2006 regarding Enforcement Guidance for Expired Radar Observer Endorsement on Merchant Mariner Licenses.

The Ninth District adopts these policies pertaining to vessels and merchant mariners identified in the policy letters. This guidance applies to Coast Guard Sectors and Marine Safety Units within the western inland rivers including the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal of the Ninth Coast Guard District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randolph C. Helland".

Randolph C. Helland
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Chief, Prevention Division
By direction of the
Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District

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