

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

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Complainant

vs.

MATTHEW NORMAN WILLIAMS

Respondent

**Docket Number: 2023-0464
Enforcement Activity Number: 7833556**

CONSENT ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

On June 5, 2024, the Coast Guard submitted an Amended Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order (Motion), to be approved as a settlement of the case under 33 C.F.R. § 20.502. Also on June 5, 2024, the Coast Guard filed a Status Update containing a typed statement from Respondent concerning aspects of this case and the settlement process. Specifically, Respondent's statement raised concerns regarding his right to a hearing and his willingness to enter into settlement. As a result, I convened a telephonic conference on July 1, 2024, to discuss Respondent's typed statement and subsequently issued an order on July 3, 2024, memorializing that conference. In my order, I directed Respondent to provide additional information for my consideration. In response, on July 15, 2024, Respondent filed a statement confirming he wanted to enter into a settlement and did not wish to proceed to a hearing or seek additional advice from another attorney. I have carefully reviewed all of the

parties' submissions, and I find the Settlement Agreement attached to the Motion is fair and reasonable and in substantial compliance with the requirements of 33 C.F.R. § 20.502.

WHEREFORE,

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, the Amended Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order is **GRANTED**, and the Settlement Agreement is **APPROVED** in full and incorporated herein by reference. This Consent Order shall constitute full, final, and complete adjudication of this proceeding.

Done and dated August 6, 2024
Baltimore, Maryland

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lineka N. Quijano", written in black ink.

**HON. LINEKA N. QUIJANO
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**