UNITED STATES OF AMERICA U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY **UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD, Complainant

vs.

RICHARD MERRITT,

Respondent.

Docket Number 2025-0110 Enforcement Activity No. 8086504

CONSENT ORDER

Issued: April 22, 2025

By Administrative Law Judge: Honorable Timothy G. Stueve

Appearances:

Michael Varrichione Sector New Orleans

For the Coast Guard

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For Respondent

CONSENT ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

On or about April 1, 2025, the parties in this case submitted an updated Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order correlating with an Amended Complaint filed on April 9, 2025, to be approved as a settlement of the case under 33 C.F.R. § 20.502.

I have carefully reviewed the terms of the Settlement Agreement and find it is fair and reasonable and in substantial compliance with the requirements of 33 C.F.R. § 20.502.

<u>ORDER</u>

Upon consideration of the record, it is hereby **ORDERED**, 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 April 22, 2025, at Alameda, California

Hon. Timothy G. Stueve Administrative Law Judge U.S. Coast Guard