

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

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Complainant, )  
vs. ) Docket Number: 2025-0425  
ROBERT STUART INNES, ) MISLE Activity ID: 8202505  
Respondent. )

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDED SETTLEMENT  
AGREEMENT AND ENTRY OF CONSENT ORDER**

**By Order of Administrative Law Judge: Hon. Jennifer A. Mehaffey**

**Issued: October 14, 2025**

This matter is before me on the Coast Guard's Unopposed Motion for Approval of Amended Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order (Second Motion). As background, on October 8, 2025, I denied the Coast Guard's first Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order due to several errors in the Complaint filings and Settlement Agreement.<sup>1</sup> On October 10, 2025, the Coast Guard submitted this Second Motion, containing an Amended Settlement Agreement to be approved as a settlement of this case under 33 C.F.R. § 20.502.

As evidenced by their respective signatures, the parties assert that settlement is in the public interest and appropriate based on Respondent's cooperation and good faith efforts towards remediation. The parties also agree the entry of a Consent Order approving this settlement

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<sup>1</sup> I note the Coast Guard does not address the inconsistencies between the dates on the Certificate of Service and Return of Service for the Complaint and the filing and service dates noted with the Complaint. See Order Denying Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Rejecting Settlement Agreement, issued October 8, 2025. However, because both parties have signed the Amended Settlement Agreement and no issues have been raised regarding proper service I will not deny the Second Motion on that basis.

without further litigation is the proper means of resolution in this matter. Accordingly, the parties have expressly waived their right to a hearing and appeal in this matter, and I have not conducted a hearing on the merits of this case.

I note the Coast Guard will credit Respondent with the sanction start date of September 9, 2025. Second Motion ¶ 4. I have carefully reviewed the terms of the Amended Settlement Agreement and find that it is fair, reasonable, and in substantial compliance with the requirements of 33 C.F.R. § 20.502.

**ORDER**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, the Coast Guard's Motion for Approval of Amended Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order is **GRANTED**, and the Amended 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 October 14, 2025  
New York, NY



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HON. JENNIFER A. MEHAFFEY  
Administrative Law Judge  
United States Coast Guard