

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

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Complainant

vs.

JOSEPH CHES,
Respondent.

Docket Number 2026-0123
Enforcement Activity No. 8319921

CONSENT ORDER

Issued: May 6, 2026

By Administrative Law Judge: Honorable Timothy G. Stueve

Appearances:

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Marine Safety Unit Texas City
For the Coast Guard

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Attorney for Respondent

CONSENT ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

On or about May 1, 2026, the parties in this case submitted a Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order 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.

ORDER

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 May 6, 2026, at
Alameda, California

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Stueve", is written over a horizontal line.

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