

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

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Complainant,

vs.

RICKY ODIS BYERS,

Respondent.

Docket Number: 2023-0088

Enforcement Activity Number: 7585680

**CONSENT ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT AND CANCELING HEARING**

On September 1, 2023, the parties in this case submitted a Motion for Consent Order Approving Settlement Agreement to be approved as a settlement of the case under 33 C.F.R. § 20.502.¹

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. § 20.502.²

WHEREFORE,

¹ The parties submitted two copies of the Settlement Agreement, each signed separately by the respective party. Upon review, the language is identical in both agreements, and the parties have agreed to identical terms.

² Under the terms of the settlement, the parties agree the outright suspension period of nine (9) months will be stayed during a twelve (12) month settlement period. Paragraph 2 of the Settlement Agreement, however, states, "... *revocation* will be STAYED for a period of twelve (12) months..." [Emphasis added.] Based on the terms and conditions set forth in paragraphs 2, 3, and 6 of the agreement, the term "revocation" should be replaced with the phrase "period of outright suspension" as appropriate for the Settlement Agreement submitted.

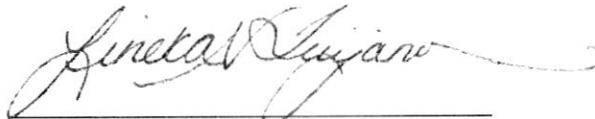
ORDER

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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, the hearing scheduled to begin on September 6, 2023, in Mobile, Alabama, is **CANCELLED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, to ensure a complete and accurate record of this case, the parties shall submit a single, complete copy of the Settlement Agreement signed and dated by both parties on or before **September 29, 2023**.

Done and dated September 1, 2023,
Baltimore, Maryland



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