

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

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD,	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	Docket Number: 2025-0277
vs.	)	
	)	Enforcement Activity Number: 8131822
JOSEPH DELWAYNE ELLIS,	)	
Respondent.	)	

**CONSENT ORDER**

**Issued:** July 14, 2025

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

**Appearances:**

**For the Coast Guard**

LT Joshua E. Diaz  
USCG Sector Virginia

**For the Respondent**

Joseph Delwayne Ellis, *Pro se*

## **CONSENT ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

On June 9, 2025, the Coast Guard filed a Complaint against Joseph Delwayne Ellis (Respondent) seeking revocation of his Merchant Mariner Credential. On the same day, the Coast Guard filed a Motion for Approval of a Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order, containing the Settlement Agreement to be approved as a settlement of this case under 33 C.F.R. § 20.502.

As evidenced by their respective signature, 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 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 have carefully reviewed the terms of the 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 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 July 14, 2025  
New York, NY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer A. MehaFFEY", written in a cursive style.

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