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## LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE

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Dear Mr. Goldring;


The SGS Environmental Services, Inc., facilities located in Wilmington NC and Anchorage AK are each accepted by the U.S. Coast Guard as a *Recognized Facility* for collecting and testing effluent in certain Alaskan waters from cruise vessel operations for compliance with the standards and regulations in Subpart E to 33 CFR Part 159 as promulgated under section 1(a)(4) in Pub. L. 106-554.

Any cruise ship operator in certain Alaskan waters may apply to your facility for analysis of sewage and graywater effluents. You are required to independently collect and test the effluent for conventional and priority pollutants in accordance with the Vessel Specific Sampling Plan (VSSP) and submit your test results directly to the cognizant Captain of the Port (COTP) in accordance with the Coast Guard accepted Quality Assurance/Quality Control Plan (QA/QCP). Submit results for conventional pollutants within 15 calendar days of the date the sample was collected and for priority pollutants within 30 calendar days of the date the sample was collected. Samples shall be held by the laboratory for not less than six months, or as directed by the COTP.

Information contained in this letter and enclosure will be listed on the *Coast Guard Maritime Information Exchange* (CGMIX) at <http://cgmix.uscg.mil> under accepted laboratories for approval series 159.317. This online searchable database is the official listing of all U.S. Coast Guard accepted laboratories for testing of materials and equipment.

This letter of acceptance will remain in effect until terminated. You are required to notify us in writing within 30 days of any changes to the information in your application or in this letter.

Sincerely,

  
J. D. REYNOLDS  
Commander, U.S. Coast Guard  
Chief, Systems Engineering Division  
By direction