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LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE

NSF International
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Ann Arbor, MI 48105-9723

Dear Mr. Stevens:

We have reviewed your application of May 24, 2012 and hereby accept the NSF International facility located in Ann Arbor, Michigan as an *Independent Laboratory*, as defined by 46 CFR 159.001-3, for the evaluation, inspection, and testing of ballast water management systems.

As an accepted *independent laboratory* you are required to independently evaluate, inspect, and test ballast water management systems for compliance with the standards and regulations of 46 CFR 162.060. You are also required to submit your results to the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Center.

This letter of acceptance also acknowledges that separate arrangements exist between NSF International and other independent laboratories accepted by the U.S. Coast Guard, as per the enclosure, to perform certain tests on your behalf. NSF International is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of these sub-laboratories and is required, whenever practicable, to have a qualified representative present during testing. You are also required to include the results from each sub-laboratory in your report to the U.S. Coast Guard.

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 162.060. 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, this letter, or the enclosure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. K. Marcy", written over a large, stylized "C" that loops around the text.

C. K. MARCY
Commander, U.S. Coast Guard
Chief, Systems Engineering Division
By direction

Enclosure

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Accepted Facility: Performs evaluation, inspection, and testing.

162.060-20 Design and Construction requirements
162.060-24 Test Plans
162.060-42 Coordination, Test Reports

Great Ships Initiative(GSI)

Northeast-Midwest Institute
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Sub-Laboratory: Performs evaluation, land-based and shipboard testing only.

162.060-20 Design and Construction requirements
162.060-26 Land-based testing
162.060-28 Shipboard testing

**Maritime Environmental
Resource Center (MERC)**

University of Maryland Center
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(UMCES)
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Sub-Laboratory: Performs evaluation, land-based and shipboard testing only.

162.060-20 Design and Construction requirements
162.060-26 Land-based testing
162.060-28 Shipboard testing

Retlif Testing Laboratories

Attn: Mr. Michael P. Bozza
795 Marconi Avenue
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
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Sub-Laboratory: Performs evaluation and environmental testing only.

162.060-20 Design and Construction requirements
162.060-30 Environmental (component) testing