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Director-Oceans, Wetlands, and Communities Division
Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Re: National Consistency Determination for National Performance Standards for Discharges
Incidental to the Normal Operation of a Commercial Vessel

Dear Mr. Frazer,

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) has reviewed the Consistency Determination (CD) received on November 5, 2020 from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and specified in 85 Fed. Reg. 67,818 (Oct. 26, 2020) for proposed regulations under Clean Water Act (CWA) section 312(p) for "uniform national standards for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels," and amended by the 2018 Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA).

DCRM concurs that this action is consistent with the enforceable policies of the CNMI's Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Arthur Charfauros at (670) 664 8324 or fedcon@dcrm.gov.mp

Sincerely,


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cc: Kelsey Watts-FitzGerald