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Subj: LETTER OF DESIGNATION AS AN OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH VESSEL, R/V
GYRE, O.N. 1179574

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Title 46, United States Code, 2101(18), the R/V GYRE, O.N. 1179574, is hereby designated as an Oceanographic Research Vessel. This designation shall remain in effect until May 11, 2008, provide the vessel does not change employment or deviate from engaging exclusively in oceanographic research operations. Any such changes or deviations may constitute violations of marine inspection laws and must be reported to this office by the master, owner, or agent of the vessel. A determination will then be made regarding this vessel's eligibility to retain this designation.

A request for renewal of this designation should be made by March, 2008. This letter shall be maintained on board the vessel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard M. Kaser".

RICHARD M. KASER
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard
Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection

Copy: Commandant (G-PCV)
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