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Mr. Richard Wells  
Offshore Marine Service Association  
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Dear Mr. Wells:

We write in response to your letter of January 29, 2015, and subsequent e-mail correspondence with Mr. Richard Shade, requesting approval of an alternative assessment for Task 18.3.A of NVIC 12-14.

We have evaluated your request and approval is granted to implement the proposed alternative assessment for NVIC 12-14, Task 18.3.A, Task and workload management, and the specific Performance Condition "during a pilot boarding operation" as noted in your letter. This alternative assessment may be used only in application of an STCW endorsement for Master or Mates of OSVs in Near Coastal Domestic Service. This restriction may be removed if the mariner completes the assessment as originally written.

This alternative assessment may be used by all members of the Offshore Marine Service Association.

If you have questions contact Course Approvals at [NMCCourses@uscg.mil](mailto:NMCCourses@uscg.mil) or (304) 433-3720.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. A. Evans".

C. A. EVANS, CWO  
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By direction