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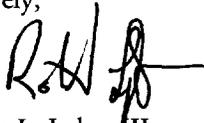
Docket Management Facility  
(USCG-2003-14273) -19  
U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401  
400 Seventh Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Re: Mandatory Ballast Water Management Program for U.S. Waters

Dear Sir/Madam:

Tandem Technologies is a research and development firm involved in the development of effective ballast water treatment systems. We have reviewed the above referenced notice of proposed rulemaking and have no further comments and no objections to the proposed rules.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Lyles, III  
President

