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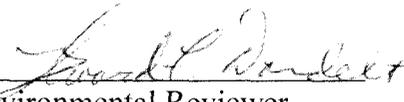
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USCG
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR
MANDATORY BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR U.S. WATERS

This action has been thoroughly reviewed by the USCG and it has been determined, by the undersigned, that this project will have no significant effect on the human environment.

This finding of no significant impact is based on the attached USCG prepared environmental assessment which has been determined to adequately and accurately discuss the environmental issues and impacts of the proposed action and provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an environmental impact statement is not required.

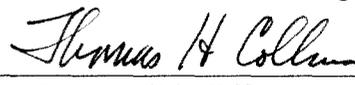
July 7, 2004
Date


Environmental Reviewer

Ed Wandelt
Chief, Environmental
Management Division

I have considered the information contained in the EA, which is the basis for this FONSI. Based on the information in the EA and this FONSI document, I agree that the proposed action as described above, and in the EA, will have no significant impact on the environment.

July 21, 2004
Date


Responsible Official

T. H. Collins, ADM, USCG
Commandant
U.S. Coast Guard