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1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

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The Honorable Jon S. Corzine
Governor of New Jersey
Trenton, New Jersey 08624-0001

Re: New Jersey Adjacent Coastal State Designation

Dear Governor Corzine:

This letter is in response to your request for the designation of New Jersey as an Adjacent Coastal State for the proposed Safe Harbor Energy deepwater port project (Safe Harbor). As indicated in my letter of September 28, 2007, the Maritime Administrator, by delegated authority, and in accordance with Section 1508(a)(2) of the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 (the Act), shall make such a designation only after receiving the recommendation of the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). On October 17, 2007, my office received the NOAA recommendation.

Accordingly, upon consideration of the NOAA recommendation, as well as the magnitude and scope of the proposed project and its potential for significant environmental impact to the State of New Jersey, I have determined that New Jersey is an Adjacent Coastal State as defined under the Act and is so designated for the proposed Safe Harbor deepwater port project. This determination has been made consistent with the particular set of facts and circumstances underlying the request. Pursuant to the requirements set forth at Section 1508(b) of the Act, the Administrator shall not issue a license without the approval of the Governor of an Adjacent Coastal State. Therefore, we look forward to forging a strong working relationship with your office to successfully address your concerns and requirements of Safe Harbor in securing a safe and effective means of importing natural gas into the United States.

As the Governor of an Adjacent Coastal State, you are afforded the authority in accordance with the requirements of the Act to approve, disapprove, or approve with conditions the deepwater port license application for the Safe Harbor project. Such license conditions may include, but are not limited to: 1) requiring environmental monitoring and mitigation measures; 2) the collection of fees to offset any economic, environmental, and administrative costs that may be incurred by your state associated with the construction and operation of the proposed deepwater port; and 3) other conditions to ensure that the proposed port will conform with New Jersey's environmental programs.

To this end, we would like to arrange a meeting in the near future with you and your immediate staff to further discuss your concerns regarding the proposed Safe Harbor project. Please contact Mr. Keith Lesnick, Director, Office of Deepwater Ports and Offshore Activities at 202-366-1624 or Keith.Lesnick@dot.gov to arrange the most convenient meeting time.

We look forward to working with you and your staff, and I appreciate the time and attention you have given to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Sean T. Connaughton
Maritime Administrator

cc: The Honorable Eliot Spitzer
The Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg
Vice Admiral Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., NOAA
Admiral Thad W. Allen, USCG