

INDEMNIFICATION AND RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT OF PARENT ORGANIZATION

Background

This release provides role clarity for dives conducted by scientific or public safety divers aboard United States Coast Guard vessels. Scientific or public safety divers embarked on United States Coast Guard vessels may conduct diving operations in support of their science or public safety mission. Scientific or public safety diving operations are specifically exempted from commercial diving regulations. Scientific divers must be certified by either the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Diving Program or an organizational member of the American Association of Underwater Sciences (AAUS). Public safety divers must be certified by their parent organization. Certification shall specify the diver's depth, equipment, and environmental limitations. Divers must request authorization from the unit they will be embarked by submitting this form a minimum of three months prior to the deployment. Divers shall conduct diving operations in accordance with the protocols of their certifying authority. The USCG is not supervising the dive in any manner whatsoever. The USCG exercises no control over the dive. The USCG assumes no responsibility for the dive.

Release

In consideration of the United States Coast Guard (the "USCG") providing the diver named below with the opportunity to engage in diving activities using USCG vessels,

The _____,

("The Organization") agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and not to sue or otherwise pursue claims, demands, or actions (including but not limited to costs, expenses and legal fees incurred in defending any such claims, demands, or actions) against, the USCG, its officers, employees, and agents for any and all damages arising by reason of the acts or omissions of the Organization or the Organization's diver. The Organization agrees to assume full responsibility and liability for the diver's actions and assures the USCG that

(Diver's name)

(Position)

is currently an active, certified diver at this Organization certified to a depth of _____ fsw.

Diver (Signature)

Date

Organization Supervisor (Print)

Date

Organization Supervisor (Signature)

Phone/e-mail