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Dear Dr. MacNeil and Dr. Appy:

My office has reviewed the San Pedro Waterfront Project Draft EIS/EIR (Corps File Number 2005-01271-SDM) for areas applicable to the U.S. Coast Guard. I submit the following comments regarding the Outer Harbor Cruise Terminal floating barrier and the waterfront promenade:


The proposed Outer Harbor Cruise Terminal floating barrier appears to be a reasonable approach that balances adjacent marina access with cruise ship security. However, the specific design and operation of the barrier will be subject to further approval by the Coast Guard in the terminal's facility security plan as a result of their facility security assessment. The barrier will also need to conform with lighting and other Private Aids to Navigation permitting requirements as directed by Coast Guard District Eleven. Furthermore, the regulations concerning cruise ship security zones within San Pedro Bay, 33CFR165.1154, will need to be amended by the Coast Guard to incorporate floating barriers if this project is approved.

The proposed project should also fully evaluate the facility security regulations found in 33CFR104-105 and corresponding guidance found in Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circulars and Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) Policy Advisory Council memos to ensure the proposed waterfront promenade does not conflict with requirements for controlled access to waterfront facilities and vessels. Berths 51-55, Jankovich & Sons Fueling Station, the Outer Harbor Cruise Terminals, and some of the vessels located within the new harbor cuts are non-encompassing examples of areas adjacent to the proposed promenade that will need to maintain controlled access.

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Please contact LCDR John Hennigan at the above number, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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