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Subj: LETTER OF DESIGNATION AS AN OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH VESSEL; R/V J. W. POWELL, O.N. 501390

Dear Mr. Fay:

Based upon your letter dated March 4, 2008 and in accordance with the provisions of Title 46, United States Code, 2101(18), the R/V J.W. POWELL, O.N. 501390, is hereby designated as an Oceanographic Research Vessel. This designation shall remain in effect until April 16, 2010, provided that the vessel does not change employment or deviate from engaging exclusively in oceanographic research operations. Any such changes or deviations may constitute violations of marine inspection laws and must be reported to this office by the master, owner, or agent of the vessel. A determination will then be made regarding this vessel's eligibility to retain this designation.

A request for renewal of this designation should be made by February 16, 2010. This letter shall be maintained on board the vessel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William J. Diehl".

WILLIAM J. DIEHL  
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard  
Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection