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Subj: MCMURDO E5/G5 SMARTFIND/SMARTFIND PLUS UPDATES AND MODIFICATIONS

Dear Mr. Roylance:

This is in response to your email submission of 31 March 2011, requesting Coast Guard approval for updates and modifications to your McMurdo E5/G5 Smartfind/Smartfind Plus line of EPIRBs. The following updates and modifications were addressed in your request:

- Movement of the channel of operation from 406.028 MHz to 406.040 MHz per request from COSPAS-SARSAT;
- Installation of a new GPS module;
- Compliance with Edition 3 of IEC 61097-2 regarding low duty-cycle light arrangements;
- Compliance with Edition 3 of IEC 61097-2 regarding an increase in the area of visible reflective tape;
- Use of a new material for the automatic-release housing; and
- Elimination of the audible buzzer.

Based on the satisfactory test data and other supporting documentation you provided, the McMurdo E5/G5 Smartfind/Smartfind Plus complies with the requirements of COSPAS-SARSAT; Edition 3 of IEC 61097-2; and RTCM 11000.2 (RTCM Paper 77-2002/SC110-STD), Standard for 406 MHz Satellite Emergency Position-Indicating Radiobeacons (EPIRBs), Version 2.1.

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Please feel free to contact me or Lieutenant Commander Vincent Gamma of my staff if you have questions concerning any of the above.

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