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Mr. Eric Christensen  
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Subj: PASSENGER VESSEL ASSOCIATION (PVA) – HAZMAT TRAINING

Dear Mr. Christensen:

This letter is in response to your letter of January 23, 2020 requesting Coast Guard approval or acceptance of the Passenger Vessel Association (PVA) developed hazardous materials (HAZMAT) training as meeting the requirements of 49 CFR Part 172.704. Your request notes that the training has been revised based on Coast Guard comments and recommendations received on August 20, 2019, and that the latest version (Revised January 2020) is an improvement over the first submission.

Based on the provided documentation, the PVA's developed HAZMAT training program meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 172.704. The training is adaptable to specific audiences while covering general and function-specific aspects of HAZMAT transport, with particular emphasis on transportation by vessel. Please note that updates to the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR, 49 CFR Parts 171-180) will require review and possible modification of the PVA HAZMAT training program.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Dr. Amy Parker by email at [Amy.M.Parker@uscg.mil](mailto:Amy.M.Parker@uscg.mil).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. J. Montemerlo".

M. J. MONTEMERLO  
Commander, U.S. Coast Guard  
Chief, Hazardous Materials Division  
By Direction