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Maritime Institute of Technology
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692 Maritime Boulevard
Linthicum Heights, MD 21090

Dear Mr. Friend:

We write in response to your letter of August 11, 2010, requesting renewal of the approval of your Basic Fire Fighting (MITAGS-54) course.

The course satisfies applicable requirements, and the following approval is granted subject to the conditions specified below and in Enclosure (1):

Any applicant who has successfully completed your *Basic Fire Fighting (MITAGS-54)* course will satisfy:

- a) the Basic Safety Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting training requirements of Section A-VIII and Table A-VI/1-2 of the STCW Code and 46 CFR 11.202(b)(2); AND
- b) the Basic Fire Fighting training requirements of 46 CFR 11.205(d) and 11.401(g)(1) for an officer endorsement; AND
- c) the Fire Fighting training requirements of 46 CFR 13.207, 13.307, 13.407 or 13.507 for any tankerman endorsement.

Instructors: The instructors approved to teach this course are listed in Enclosure (2). Requests to add additional instructors must be submitted to this office for evaluation and written approval, prior to their participation in teaching this course.

Certificates: Your certificate of training must contain the following information:

- Name and code of the course as *Basic Fire Fighting (MITAGS-54)*
- Name of the educational institution
- Date of completion and location where the training was conducted
- Name of the Student
- Signature of an authorized representative of the school.

Your certificate of training may contain or you may issue, in addition to a completion certificate, an addendum that contains the approval paragraph as written in this letter. The verbiage appearing on the certificate or addendum must be verbatim as found in this approval.

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visit our web site at <http://www.uscg.millnmc>.
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Locations: This course is approved to be presented at the following locations:

- Your facilities in Linthicum Heights, Maryland.

In order to give this course at any other location, you must submit a request to the REC in whose zone the training is to be given at least 21 days in advance.

Approval Dates: This approval is effective November 1, 2010, and expires on November 30,2015. Subsequent five year renewals may be granted upon a written request to this office made at least 90 days before this approval expires.

Failure to comply with the conditions of this approval may result in the suspension or withdrawal of this approval in accordance with 46 CFR 11.302.

If you have questions contact Mr. David Harper at David.D.Harper@uscg.mil or (304) 433-3714.

Sincerely,



ROBERT L. SMITH III
Chief, Mariner Training and Assessment Division
U.S. Coast Guard
By direction

Enclosure: (1) Terms of Course Approval
(2) Approved Instructors
(3) Certificate of Approval

Copy: REC Baltimore

Terms of Approval
Maritime Institute of Technology & Graduate Studies
Basic Fire Fighting (MITAGS-54)

1. All examinations the student takes to successfully pass the course must be different from any examination he or she has previously taken or did not pass. (46 CFR 11.303(c)).
2. For at least one year after the end of each student's enrollment, you must maintain on file their examinations, a report of practical tests administered, and a record of their classroom attendance. (46 CFR 11.303(d)).
3. Any proposed change to the course, including a change of simulators or training aids, or changes or additions of instructors must be submitted to this office for evaluation and written approval. (46 CFR 11.303(e)).
4. Any proposed modifications to your approved training facility must be submitted to REC Baltimore.
5. You must allow, at any time, the National Maritime Center, or a designated representative, to:
 - a. Inspect your facilities, equipment and records, including scholastic records;
 - b. Interview and survey students to aid in course evaluation;
 - c. Assign personnel to observe or participate in the course of instruction, with or without prior notification; and,
 - d. Supervise or administer the required examinations or practical demonstrations. (46 CFR 11.303(f)).
6. Per Enclosure (1), paragraph d. (2), of Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) 5-95 and Volume III, Chapter 7, paragraph L., of the Marine Safety Manual, all course renewal requests are required to be submitted to the National Maritime Center at least 90 days before the current approval expires.

ENCLOSURE (3)