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Gregory B. Kester Director, Prevention Department **USCG** Auxiliary 659 Buchanan Ln Longmont, CO 80504-1513

Subject: Acceptance of Chart Updating Report Form 77-5a

Dear Mr. Kester:

It's the understanding of the Marine Chart Division (MCD) that the focus for the Auxiliary Chart Updating program is on prevention, accuracy, credibility, and professionalism, and is directed toward raising member competence in the eyes of NOAA. This revised form has been reviewed and is acceptable for use by MCD to make appropriate corrections to the nautical chart.

This version of the Chart Updating Form 77-5a (MS Excel) is directed at Chart Updating and Coast Pilot correcting. The fields have been expanded to include the necessary quality control reporting requirements associated with these operations. Space is provided for a task statement, comments and observations, and a final recommendation to NOAA based on the evidence reported.

MCD understands this form is temporarily available in MS Excel until it is programmed in Adobe.pdf and added to the CG Auxiliary National Forms Web Site.

Regards.

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Chief, Marine Chart Division





