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Dear Ms. Koch,

I am writing in reference to Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.'s Vessel General Permit (VGP) Notice of Intent (NOI) and Source Reduction Evaluation, submitted for the *Radiance of the Seas* and *Serenade of the Seas*.

As the *Serenade of the Seas* will not return to Alaska, we will withdraw her from the Vessel General Permit effective the end of the 2009 cruise season.

In addition, the *Radiance of the Seas* will not need to discharge into Alaskan waters this or next year. Therefore, for the foreseeable future we have elected to withdraw her from the Vessel General Permit effective immediately. As of the end of the 2009 cruise season, Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. will have no ships actively enrolled into the Alaska Vessel General Permit program.

For your information the *Rhapsody of the Seas*' Navalis Poseidon system remains seriously delayed in its commissioning and testing. However, there have been some positive developments and we continue the testing of this new technology.

Should operational circumstances change, we will resubmit the necessary paperwork for the Alaska VGP in the future.

Thank you for your assistance in this.

Sincerely,



Richard M. Pruitt
Director, Environmental Programs
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