



COMMANDER, SECTOR DETROIT
CAPTAIN OF THE PORT

17 February 2016

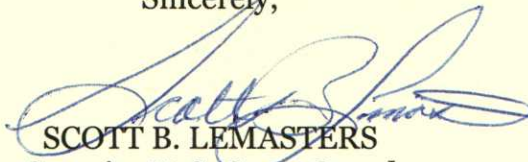
T&T Marine Salvage
c/o Jim Elliott
9723 Teichman Rd.
Galveston, TX 77554

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Dear Mr. Jim Elliott:

I would like to personally thank you for the outstanding assistance provided by T&T Marine Salvage to the U.S. Coast Guard in response to the sunken tank barge ARGO. As senior operations representative at our Incident Command Post, you led from the front helping to formulate proof-of-concept lightering plans when traditional offloading proved infeasible. Your unique perspective and willingness to assist significantly contributed to the execution of our mission, allowing us to safely remove more than 48,000 gallons of contaminated water from a 104 year-old vessel that had resided under 50-feet of water for 76 years – all without compromising critical resources or public health. Please accept my gratitude for your professionalism and assistance.

Sincerely,


SCOTT B. LEMASTERS
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard