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Mr. John Sabella
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Dear Mr. Sabella:

This is in response to your letter of June 13, 2002, asking for input regarding your *Onboard Basic Safety Training Program* tapes.

As you know, the National Maritime Center does not have a process similar to type ratings used in many European countries. Our authority only allows us to approve training courses and programs. Nonetheless, my staff has reviewed your tapes. The staff was impressed with the tapes' high production values. They informed me that they would approve the use of the tapes in any Basic Safety Training courses or program. Naturally, the use of the tapes for teaching the required underpinning knowledge does not address our concerns of training and assessment of psychomotor skills.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. John Bobb of my staff at 202-493-1015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald J. Kerlin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

DONALD J. KERLIN
Deputy Director
USCG National Maritime Center
By direction of Commanding Officer