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**BLM ARCATA FIELD OFFICE**

Dear Mr. Stark:

This letter serves notice of the U.S. Coast Guard's intent to relinquish custody, accountability, and control of approximately 12.97 acres of land at the Trinidad Head Light Station. The property is located on Trinidad Head, in the City of Trinidad, Humboldt County, California.

The Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security's consent for relinquishment of the land, required under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1714 (I) 90 Stat. 2754) has been redelegated to the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard and his delegate pursuant to DHS/DOT Order 1100.60 (aa) effective 17 June 1980. In accordance with 43 CFR 2372.1, information on this property is given as follows with supporting documentation in the enclosed notebook:

1. Holding Agency: Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Coast Guard, Room 6102, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593.
2. Citation of Order: Executive Orders of June 8, 1866 and September 10, 1902. Copies enclosed at Tab titled *Acquisition Documents*.
3. Legal Description: The property consists of 12.97 acres of land. A copy of the legal description is provided at Tab *Acquisition Documents*.
4. Description of improvements existing on the property: The Light Station is improved with a lighthouse, fog signal building, triplex housing unit, multi-unit garage/storage/shop building and two wooden water tanks. The foundation of the former rain shed remains on the site. See Tab titled *Report of Excess SF 118*.
5. The land has no known problematic environmental conditions. Phase II testing is currently underway for elevated levels of lead in the soil. Environmental information and certifications are included at Tab titled *Environmental*.
6. No decontamination or protective measures have been necessary on this property.

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7. Extent of change of character of the land other than by improvements: The character of the property has not been changed except where the Lighthouse and other buildings have been constructed. Most of the parcel remains undisturbed.
8. Extent of disturbance of the land by improvement and reconditioning: The improvements are located in a small area of the site leaving the majority of the site undisturbed. See Site Map attached at Tab titled *Plats/Maps*.
9. Value of abandoned improvements: All improvements will be abandoned on the land. The aids to navigation will remain Coast Guard personal property and will continue to be operated and maintained by the Coast Guard. Please note that the Coast Guard is considering demolishing the non-historic housing complex on the parcel because of ongoing maintenance costs and vandalism of the property.
10. Rights or privileges granted involving this land:
  - a. Subject to Right-of-Way reservation dated December 20, 1982 to U. S. Coast Guard granted by Bureau of Land Management for the rights-of-way to use, control, maintain and improve two (2) roads, a telephone line, a power transmission line, and a water pipeline on: All of said parcels of land lying in Lot 37 of Section 26, Township 8 North, Range 1 West, Humboldt Meridian, Humboldt, California. Copy enclosed at *Tab titled Permits/Licenses*.
  - b. Subject to USCG DTTCG-Z75160-88-RP-020A Agreement dated August 29, 1988 between City of Trinidad and U.S. Government (U.S. Coast Guard) to mutually design, construct and maintain a solar activated self-locking gate. Copy enclosed at *Tab titled Permits/Licenses*.
  - c. Subject to Group/Air Station Humboldt Bay having access to cliffs next to lighthouse for vertical ops training purposes. Copy enclosed at *Tab titled Permits/Licenses*.
  - d. Additional rights: Department of Commerce and Labor, Bureau of Lighthouses granted on May 9, 1912 to the Federated Women's Clubs of Humboldt County, California the right to erect a granite cross on the Trinidad Head Lighthouse reservation, California and the subsequent U.S. Coast Guard amendment dated July 7, 1959 to that right granting permission to light the granite cross. Copy enclosed at *Tab titled Permits/Licenses*.
11. The following terms and conditions must continue to be honored for the USCG, as well as be incorporated in any further disposition of the lands to protect the public interest and enable the USCG to continue to meet mission requirements:
  - a. An easement upon the Property for U. S. Coast Guard employees and agents, with necessary equipment, to enter upon, have access to the Property, including, but not limited

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to, the right to enter the Property at any time, without notice, for any authorized and official purposes of the U S. Coast Guard;

- b. An easement upon the Property to operate, maintain, relocate, install, improve, replace or remove any aid to navigation, or for any other similar or related purpose, including the right to make any changes on any portion of the Property as may be necessary for the operation of any aid to navigation or for any other navigational or avigation purpose. This shall include the right to remove all vegetation, shrubs, bushes, pants, trees, man-made structures of any kind, and any other objects that may impair, obscure, or obstruct the arc of visibility;
- c. An easement upon the Property to install, construct, operate, maintain, relocate, replace, or remove utility lines, roadway and other infrastructure, including, but not limited to electric and telephone lines and roadway, for the purpose of operating the aids to navigation and any research, scientific, hydrographic, or weather equipment, avigation purpose, or for any similar or related purpose;
- d. The U.S. Coast Guard will continue to require access to the Trinidad Head Light Station at any time, without notice, for any authorized and official purposes of the U S. Coast Guard.

12. Interested Parties: The U.S. Coast Guard is aware of the following interested parties in the Trinidad Head Light Station:

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13. Recommendations regarding the further disposition of the lands: Any further disposition must provide the USCG a permanent easement for unrestricted access, maintenance, utility, and visual rights to continue the operation of the aids to navigation as noted above.

Your prompt response will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Constance Callahan at (510) 637-5522 for any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



R. L. SMITH  
U. S. Coast Guard  
Deputy Chief, Civil Engineering Division  
By direction

Enclosure

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