

Dear Mr. Burdle,

This request is being submitted to expedite the review of the following unclassified submission and soon to follow classified submission as outlined:

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The unclassified submissions are in direct support of National Defense within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the US Coast Guard (USCG) efforts to field a new class of ships called the National Security Cutter (NSC). The US Coast Guard's National Security Cutter "BERTHOLF WMSL 750" is one of Congress's highest priorities and they have mandated regular updates on the progress of this project. The NSC is a key cornerstone for our Nation's maritime Shield of Freedom. It is the first new major surface asset designed and produced under the USCG's Deepwater Program by Integrated Coast Guard Systems (ICGS), a LLC partnership of Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman Ships Systems. The NSC has very high visibility at the National level.

ICGS has an unclassified radiation date of **June 18, 2007** to support the current ship delivery schedule. Pre-coordination has taken place with the Gulf Area Frequency Coordinator, Pascagoula Northrop Grumman Ships Systems Frequency Coordinator, Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, Lockheed Martin, US Coast Guard Deepwater Program Office, and US Coast Guard National Frequency Coordinator. All agencies are awaiting receipt of these submissions from the NTIA to assist in the approval of the STAs.

The USCG continues to play a vital role in the safety and defense of our nation and was a key force in providing relief to the US citizens of the Gulf region during the aftermath of

Hurricane Katrina. The current USCG Fleet is over 40 years old and this new class of ship is going to provide needed major relief for an already over strained Fleet of ships and personnel who crew them.

Your agency's assistance in expediting the Northrop Grumman submissions is urgently requested and sincerely appreciated.

Regards,

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