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Foreign Affairs Advisor for Ocean Research Policy & Authorizations
Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs
Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs
United States Department of State
Washington, D.C. 205020

Dear Ms. Tirpak:

RE: US Marine Scientific Research Vessel
RV MARCUS G. LANGSETH:
Date: 17 August – 22 September 2009

The Government of Canada has reviewed the proposed seismic survey in an area comprising an 80-km-long section of the Endeavour segment of the Juan de Fuca Ridge, which is approximately 250km southwest of Vancouver Island. On the condition that the proposed activities are carried out in accordance with the mitigation measures set out in the August 20, 2009 *Species at Risk Act* application, the clearance request for the MARCUS G. LANGSETH for the dates listed above is granted. Furthermore, we would appreciate your ensuring that the chief scientist's attention is drawn to the attached comments from Kevin Conley, A/Oceans Biologist, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, regarding work in the Endeavour Marine Protected Area and the associated reporting and documentation requirements.

We are pleased that the scientific results and all the data from this cruise will be freely and generously shared. Also, the Government of Canada would appreciate a copy of the preliminary and final cruise reports.

Yours sincerely,

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