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Mr. Lance Vanderbeck
Newport Airport Operations Manager
135 SE 84th St.
South Beach, OR 97366

Dear Mr. Vanderbeck:

I am writing to notify you, as authorized in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014, the Coast Guard has decided to close our Air Facility in Newport, Oregon on November 30, 2014. This facility is a detachment of Coast Guard Sector North Bend. Aircraft and crews from North Bend deploy to Newport for Search and Rescue (SAR) and other operations.

Through targeted investment in vital recapitalization projects, the Coast Guard has significantly improved our SAR response posture. Specifically, we have deployed the Coast Guard's Rescue 21 communications and distress calling system, which provides us with significantly improved detection capability, as well as the ability to use radio signals to more efficiently locate mariners in distress. In addition, there have been improvements in safety and survival equipment that greatly increase the chance of survival and detection for imperiled mariners. Given these improvements in the overall SAR system, the Coast Guard will consolidate air operations in Southern Oregon at our Air Station in North Bend while continuing to meet all national SAR response standards.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Captain Todd Trimpert, Sector North Bend Commander, (541) 756-9253 or Commander Eric Belleque, District Thirteen Chief of External Affairs, (206) 220-7236.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R.T. Gromlich".

R. T. GROMLICH
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard
Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District