



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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September 25, 2009

Quinn Fanning, Treasurer  
Tidewater Inc. Political Action  
Committee (TIDEPAC)  
601 Poydras Street  
Suite 1900  
New Orleans, LA 70130-6040

Response Due Date:  
October 30, 2009

Identification Number: C00199471

Reference: Amended Statement of Organization, received 10/14/08

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following item:

- Please clarify your relationship, if any, with "Tidewater Inc.", which appears to be your connected organization. You are advised that a connected organization is any organization which 1) is not a political committee and 2) directly or indirectly establishes, administers, or financially supports a political committee. This type of organization includes a corporation, corporation without capital stock, labor organization, membership organization, a cooperative, or a trade association. For further guidance on the question of connected organizations, please refer to 11 CFR §100.6.

If your committee is a separate segregated fund, an amended Statement of Organization should be submitted which indicates the appropriate Type of Committee and Connected Organization on Line 5(e). In addition, the amendment should identify the name of the connected organization and check the "Connected Organization" box on Line 6 (11 CFR §102.2(a)(1)(ii)).

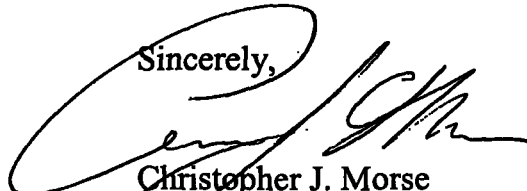
**Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter.** Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the

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due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1133.

Sincerely,



Christopher J. Morse  
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division