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Dear Ms. Fields:

This letter serves as the State Department's response to your letter of July 19, 2022, regarding the application of SPOT Terminal Services LLC (SPOT) for a license to own, construct, and operate a Deepwater port off the coast of Freeport, Texas, for the export of domestically produced crude oil.

The proposed deepwater port would be located approximately 27.2 to 30.8 nautical miles off the coast of Brazoria County, Texas, in water depths of approximately 115 feet (35 meters). The proposed components would consist of an onshore terminal to support the delivery of crude oil to the proposed offshore platform; a pipeline system to transport crude oil from the onshore terminal to the offshore platform and then to crude oil carriers; facilities for the loading of crude oil onto crude oil carriers; and associated aids to navigation to support the safety of navigation in the vicinity.

After reviewing the application, and based on the information currently available, the Department of State concludes that the application is adequate and that the issuance of a license will have no adverse effect on programs within its jurisdiction. Granting a license will not have significant adverse effects on United States foreign policy regarding global and regional fisheries agreements, international agreements for the prevention of pollution, or international agreements regarding oceanographic research and study.

If you have questions or need further information, my point of contact is Greg O'Brien at (202) 647-4971 or obriengj@state.gov.

Sincerely,

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