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**YVETTE M. FIELDS** is the Director of the Office of Deepwater Ports and Offshore Activities at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration in Washington, DC. In this role, Ms. Fields is responsible for overseeing the authorization and licensing process for the construction, operation, and decommissioning of offshore Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and oil import and export terminals in the United States. These functions play a vital role in meeting Presidential energy directives, protecting the environment, building local economies, and improving the productivity and security of the Nation's marine transportation system. Additionally, Ms. Fields oversees the Federal Port Conveyance Program. The Port Conveyance Program transfers surplus Federal property to state and local public entities for the expansion of ports and port-related infrastructure.

Ms. Fields has been employed with the Federal government for 25 years and involved with the maritime industry for 17 years. During her tenure with the Maritime Administration, Ms. Fields has managed program evaluation teams for numerous maritime aid programs, and has helped develop and implement countless operating policies and regulatory compliance requirements for the Maritime Administration. In 2011, Ms. Fields was selected to serve as the project manager for the Maritime Administration's Panama Canal Expansion Study and has championed this effort since commencement of the study.

More recently, Ms. Fields completed the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations' Leadership Development Program and now serves as a U.S. Department of Transportation representative on the White House Council on Women and Girls. Ms. Fields has received numerous accolades and awards by both the Secretary of Transportation and the Maritime Administrator for her leadership of the agency's Deepwater Port Licensing Program, and for her outstanding service and dedication to the enhancement of the Nation's marine transportation system.