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Phil Newsum - Executive Director

Dear Phil,

I'm writing you to bring up to date our last correspondence from 1996 regarding the scope of recreational diver training versus commercial diver requirements and expectations.

As a recreational training organization, PADI courses and programs prepare people for leisure diving. Upper level programs such as PADI Divemaster and PADI Instructor prepare divers to train and supervise recreational divers. PADI courses (at any level) are not intended, nor designed to prepare people for commercial diving activities. They do not suffice to meet 29 and 46 CFR regulations directed to the conduct of Commercial Diving Operations.

It is our opinion that those who hold PADI certification credentials and wish to enter into commercial diving employment (such as underwater work include umbilical, light or heavy weight equipment, etc.) need to demonstrate documentation of additional specialized training and expertise to do so safely. Recreational diving certification from PADI alone should not be considered adequate training in bidding for underwater work of the nature described by your standards of operation. PADI encourages the recreational diver to understand his personal training and experience limitations and obtain additional specialized training and experience if interested in pursuing other diving activities outside the scope of their experience.

Thanks for your consideration, and please let me know if I can provide further information.

Sincerely,

Drew Richardson
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