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Shipboard Fire Suppression Proposed Rule Published

The Coast Guard announced today the publication of a notice in the Federal Register proposing changes that would require additional protective measures applied to all existing and future carbon dioxide fire suppression systems on commercial vessels to further reduce the chance of personal injury due to carbon dioxide discharge.

Design, installation and approval specifications for alternative gaseous suppressants other than carbon dioxide are also addressed in the NPRM. These agents can be used to provide fire protection, without some of the risks that occur when using carbon dioxide systems.

The NPRM and related materials may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov>; docket number: USCG-2006-24797.

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