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CERTIFICATES OF ADEQUACY

The purpose of this Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) is to identify those facilities along the Lower Mississippi River that are capable of receiving certain ship generated waste streams (oil, NLS, and garbage), and encourage vessel owners, operators, and agents to report any concerns to the Captain of the Port.

In accordance with the requirements of Title 33 CFR Part 158.135, in order for a port or terminal to receive ships, it must hold one or more Certificates of Adequacy (COA) to show compliance with the following Subparts:

- Subpart B if it receives oceangoing tankers, or any other oceangoing ship of 400 gross tons or more, carrying oily mixtures. Oily waste reception capability is required.
- Subpart C if it receives oceangoing ships carrying noxious liquid substances (NLS). NLS waste reception capability is required.
- Subpart D if it receives the ships under subpart B or C of Part 158; or fishing vessels which offload more than 500,000 pounds of commercial fishery products from all ships during a calendar year. Garbage reception capability is required.

Subparts B, C, and D of 33CFR158 contain requirements for reception facilities including time frames in which reception services should be made available to vessels once requested. If a reception facility does not meet the requirements as specified in the applicable Subpart of 33CFR158, any person may submit a report to the COTP by telephone, orally, or in writing.

A list of facilities that have an approved Certificate of Adequacy within the New Orleans COTP Zone may be accessed via the HOMEPORT website at www.homeport.uscg.mil. To view this list, click on the "Port Directory" tab, then choose New Orleans from the pull down menu. The list is located under the "Facility Inspections" heading.

If you have any questions, would like to report inadequacies of a reception facility, or need to apply for a Certificate of Adequacy, contact Coast Guard Sector New Orleans at:

Coast Guard Sector New Orleans Command Center (24 hours): (504) 365-2543

Coast Guard Sector New Orleans Facilities Inspections: (504) 365-2370



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