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SHORE LEAVE AND FACILITY ACCESS

In recent months, Sector New Orleans has received numerous complaints regarding the unwillingness of some waterfront facilities to comply with Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 105, specifically shore leave for mariners. Shore leave requirements can also be found in ISPS Code – specifically, paragraphs 10 and 11 of the Preamble and Part A, Section 16.3.15. The allowance of shore leave for both foreign and domestic professional mariners is crucial to the welfare and human rights of the individual, as well as the overall safety of the port. The denial or non-facilitation of such, is in direct violation of federal requirements 33 CFR 105.200(b) (9).

We are still receiving Facility Security Plans that do not contain provisions for facilitating shore leave. These plans are being denied and returned for revision.

I urge any and all port stakeholders, including ship's agents, to immediately address this important issue and to contact the Facilities Compliance Branch at (504) 365-2370 with any and all questions regarding this matter.



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