§ 150.501 How must emergency equipment be maintained and repaired?

All lifesaving, firefighting, and other emergency equipment at a deepwater port, including additional equipment not required to be on board the deepwater port, must be maintained in good working order and repaired according to the port’s planned maintenance program and the requirements outlined in this subpart.

Subpart F—Emergency and Specialty Equipment

§ 150.440 How may the Captain of the Port order suspension of cargo transfers?

(a) In case of emergency, the COTP may order the suspension of cargo transfers at a port to prevent the discharge, or threat of discharge, of oil or natural gas, or to protect the safety of life and property.

(b) An order of suspension may be made effective immediately.

(c) The order of suspension must state the reasons for the suspension.

(d) The licensee may petition the District Commander to reconsider the order of suspension. The petition must be in writing, unless the order of suspension takes effect immediately, in which case the petition may be made by any means, but the petition does not delay the effective date of the suspension. The decision of the District Commander is considered a final agency action.

§ 150.445 When is oil in a single point mooring-oil transfer system (SPM–OTS) displaced with water?

(a) The oil in an SPM–OTS must be displaced with water, and the valve at the pipeline end manifold must be closed whenever:

1. A storm warning forecasts weather conditions that will exceed the design operating criteria listed in the operations manual for the SPM–OTS;

2. A vessel is about to depart the SPM because of storm conditions; or

3. The SPM is not scheduled for use in an oil transfer operation within the next 7 days.

(b) The requirement in paragraph (a) of this section is waived if port officials can demonstrate to the Officer in Charge of Marine Inspection that a satisfactory alternative means of safely securing all cargo transfer hoses can be implemented in the event of severe weather conditions.