§ 157.156 COW operations: Meeting manual requirements.

Except as allowed in §157.158, the master of a foreign tank vessel having a COW system under §§157.10(e), 157.10a(a)(2), or 157.10c(b)(2) that has the Crude Oil Washing Operations and Equipment Manual approved under §157.112 and is operating in the navigable waters of the United States or transferring cargo at a port or place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and the master of a U.S. tank vessel having a COW system under §157.10(e), §157.10a(a)(2), or §157.10c(b)(2) shall ensure that during each COW operation—

(a) The procedures listed in the Crude Oil Washing Operations and Equipment Manual are followed; and

(b) The characteristics recorded in the Crude Oil Washing Operations and Equipment Manual under §157.150(b) are met.


§ 157.158 COW operations: Changed characteristics.

The COW system may be operated with characteristics that do not meet those recorded under §157.150(b) only if:

(a) The tank vessel passes the inspections under §157.140 using the changed characteristics;

(b) The changed characteristics used to pass the inspections under §157.140 are recorded in the Crude Oil Washing Operations and Equipment Manual approved under §157.112; and

(c) The Coast Guard issues to the tank vessel an amending letter stating that the tank vessel complies with this subpart with these characteristics.