

(4) A statement describing the responsibilities and authorities of personnel involved in the examination and maintenance of the vessel(s) for the company.

(5) A description of the method the company will use to integrate the applicable subpart regulations into its SIP and the method or system used to initiate corrective action.

(6) A description of the company's safety program.

(7) A description of the company's environmental protection program.

(8) A description of the company's training infrastructure, the method used to track and record training for individual employees, and the training required for the designated SIP support personnel to implement the CAP and the VAP.

(9) A master list of all SIP documents and ICRs that the company intends to use in its VAP(s).

(10) Appendices for each approved VAP.

(b) *Vessel Action Plan*. Each VAP shall include at least the following:

(1) A copy of the OCMi VAP approval letter (once the VAP is approved).

(2) A description of the method that will be used to integrate the VAP into the vessel's regular operations.

(3) Vessel-specific ICRs.

(4) Vessel-specific ISV forms.

(5) Vessel-specific examination checklists.

(6) Correction reports.

(c) *Plan Approval*. The Company SIP Agent will submit the CAP and each VAP to the cognizant OCMi for approval. Once approved, a copy of the VAP shall be kept on board the vessel.

#### § 8.535 Training and operational evaluation.

When the CAP and VAP(s) have been approved by the cognizant OCMi, the company may begin training and operating under the plans. This evaluation phase includes the following:

(a) The company shall provide the designated SIP support personnel with training as required by the CAP.

(b) The vessel must operate and be examined under the VAP for a period of at least 3 months.

(c) During the operational periods, the Coast Guard SIP Advisor will con-

duct an ongoing evaluation of the vessel's operation, the training records, and the ability of all designated persons to perform their assigned functions under the VAP. The Coast Guard SIP Advisor will report periodically to the cognizant OCMi and the Company SIP Agent on the vessel's performance, and make recommendations, if needed.

(d) Revisions recommended under paragraph (c) of this section, or any additional operational periods under a revised CAP or VAP as may be required by the cognizant OCMi must be completed prior to enrollment.

#### § 8.540 Enrollment in SIP.

Upon successful completion of the training and evaluation phase, the Coast Guard SIP Advisor will recommend to the OCMi that the company or vessel be enrolled in the SIP. If the OCMi concurs with the recommendation, he or she will issue an enrollment letter and endorse the vessel's COI. Subsequent inspections covered under this subpart will be conducted in accordance with the approved VAP.

#### § 8.545 Scope of inspection for enrolled vessels.

(a) A Coast Guard marine inspector will conduct required periodic and follow-on inspections necessary to ensure compliance with Coast Guard regulations.

(b) A Coast Guard marine inspector will conduct the inspections in paragraph (a) of this section in accordance with the procedures set out in the VAP. These inspections will normally include the following:

(1) *Administrative review*. This portion of the inspection consists of a review of prior Coast Guard SIP inspection forms, the contents of the VAP, and other certifications of equipment and vessel systems.

(2) *SIP performance review*. This portion of the inspection consists of a review of vessel SIP documentation and records, review of the SIP procedures, and a company evaluation of their SIP.

(3) *Materiel review*. This portion of the inspection consists of a general examination of the vessel, witnessing the examination of selected items under the