near the surface of the liquid, as specified by the appropriate test procedure and apparatus.

*Great Lakes vessel* means a vessel that navigates exclusively on the Great Lakes and their connecting and tributary waters.

*Independent laboratory* means a laboratory that is accepted by the Commandant under part 159 of this chapter for the testing and listing or certification of electrical equipment.

*Location not requiring an exceptional degree of protection* means a location which is not exposed to the environmental conditions outlined in the definition for locations requiring exceptional degrees of protection. This location requires the degree of protection of §111.01–9 (c) or (d) of this chapter. These locations include—

1. An accommodation space;
2. A dry store room;
3. A passageway adjacent to quarters;
4. A water closet without a shower or bath;
5. A radio, gyro and chart room; and
6. A location with similar environmental conditions.

*Location requiring an exceptional degree of protection* means a location exposed to weather, seas, splashing, pressure-directed liquids, or similar moisture conditions. These locations include—

1. On deck;
2. A machinery space;
3. A cargo space;
4. A location within a galley or pantry area, laundry, or water closet which contains a shower or bath; and
5. Other spaces with similar environmental conditions.

*Marine inspector* or *inspector* means a civilian employee or military member of the Coast Guard assigned by an Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, or the Commandant to perform duties with respect to the inspection, enforcement, and administration of vessel safety and navigation laws and regulations.

*Nonsparking fan* means nonsparking fan as defined in ABS Steel Vessel Rules (incorporated by reference; see 46 CFR 110.10-1), section 4-8-3-11.

*Ocean vessel* means a vessel that navigates the waters of any ocean or the Gulf of Mexico more than 20 nautical miles offshore and is certificated by the Coast Guard for ocean navigation.

*Qualified person* means a person who by virtue of that person’s knowledge, ability, experience, specialized training, or licensing can competently and safely perform required electrical duties or functions.

*Waterproof* means watertight; except that, moisture within or leakage into the enclosure is allowed if it does not interfere with the operation of the equipment enclosed. In the case of a generator or motor enclosure, *waterproof* means watertight; except that, leakage around the shaft may occur if the leakage is prevented from entering the oil reservoir and the enclosure provides for automatic drainage.

*Watertight* means enclosed so that equipment meets at least a NEMA 250 Type 4 or 4X or an IEC 60529 IP 56 rating.

*Wettest* means enclosed so that equipment meets at least a NEMA 250 Type 4 or 4X or an IEC 60529 IP 56 rating.

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**Subpart 110.20—Equivalents**

**§ 110.20–1 Equivalents.**

The Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Center (MSC), may approve any arrangement, fitting, appliance, apparatus, equipment, calculation, information, or test that provides a level of safety equivalent to that established by specific provisions of this subchapter. Requests for approval must be submitted to the Marine Safety Center. If necessary, the Marine Safety Center may require engineering evaluations and tests to demonstrate the equivalence of the substitute.


**§ 110.25–1 Plans and information required for new construction.**

The following plans, if applicable to the particular vessel, must be submitted for Coast Guard review in accordance with §110.25–3: