§ 44.310 Definitions.

Hopper dredge means a self-propelled dredge with an open hold or hopper in the hull of the dredge that receives dredged material.

Working freeboard means one-half the distance between the mark of the load line assigned under this subchapter and the freeboard deck.

§ 44.320 Submission of plans and calculations.

To request a working freeboard, calculations, plans, and stability information necessary to demonstrate compliance with this subpart must be submitted to:

(a) Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Center 1900 Half Street, SW., Suite 1000, Room 525, Washington, DC 20593 by visitors, or transmitted by mail to Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Center, 2100 2nd St. SW., Stop 7102, Washington, DC 20593–7102, in a written or electronic format. Information for submitting the VSP electronically can be found at http://www.uscg.mil/HQ/MSC; or

(b) American Bureau of Shipping, ABS Plaza, 16855 Northchase Drive, Houston, TX 77060.


§ 44.330 Obtaining working freeboards for hopper dredges.

A hopper dredge may be issued a working freeboard on a limited service domestic voyage load line certificate or a Great Lakes load line certificate if the following are met:

(a) The hopper dredge structure must have adequate strength for any draft up to the working freeboard draft. Dredges built and maintained in conformity with the requirements of a classification society recognized by the Commandant usually meet this requirement.

(b) The hopper dredge must—

(1) Meet subpart I of part 174 of this chapter; and

(2) Have on its bridge remote draft indicators that: