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§ 1.01–10 Organization.

(a) The Commandant is the head of the agency and exercises overall direction over the policy and administration of the Coast Guard.

(b) To carry out the regulatory and enforcement aspects of marine safety, the staff officers designated in this paragraph are assigned to the Commandant. The chain of military command is directly from the Commandant to the District Commanders, except for marine safety regulatory and enforcement matters within the area of responsibility of the Coast Guard Activities Europe. For Activities Europe, the chain of command is from the Commandant to the Atlantic Area Commander. The staff officers at Headquarters act only on the basis of the Commandant’s authority and direction.

(c) The Deputy for Operations Policy and Capabilities (CG–DCO–D), under
the general direction of the Commandant, directs, supervises, and coordinates the activities of the Assistant Commandant for Response (CG–5R), the Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy (CG–5P), and the Director of Operations Resource Management (CG–DCO–R).

1. CG–5R directs, supervises, and coordinates the activities of:
   (i) The Director of Incident Management and Preparedness Policy (CG–5RI), including—
   (A) The Office of Environmental Response Policy (CG–MER),
   (B) The Office of Search and Rescue (CG–SAR), and
   (C) The Office of Crisis and Contingency Planning and Exercise Policy (CG–CPE); and
   (ii) The Director of Law Enforcement, Maritime Security and Defense Operations Policy (CG–5RE) including:
   (A) The Office of Law Enforcement Policy (CG–MLE),
   (B) The Office of Maritime Security Response Policy (CG–MSR), and

2. CG–5P directs, supervises and coordinates the activities of:
   (i) The Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards (CG–5PS) including
   (A) The Office of Design and Engineering Standards (CG–ENG),
   (B) The Office of Operating and Environmental Standards (CG–OES), and
   (C) The Office of Standards Evaluation and Development (CG–REG); and
   (ii) The Director of Inspections and Compliance (CG–5PC) including
   (A) The Office of International and Domestic Port Assessments (CG–PSA),
   (B) The Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety (CG–BSX),
   (C) The Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance (CG–CVC),
   (D) The Office of Port & Facility Compliance (CG–FAC), and
   (E) The Office of Investigations and Casualty Analysis (CG–INV); and
   (iii) The Director of Marine Transportation Systems (CG–5PW) including
   (A) The Office of Bridge Programs (CG–BRG),
   (B) The Office of Waterways and Ocean Policy (CG–WWM), and
   (C) The Office of Navigation Systems (CG–NAV); and
   (iv) CG–5PC exercises technical control over the Commanding Officer, National Maritime Center (NMC), and, through the District Commander, supervises the administration of the Marine Safety Division of District Offices and Officers in Charge, Marine Inspection.

3. CG–DCO–R directs, supervises and coordinates the activities of
   (i) The Office of Workforce Management (CG–DCO–R–1),
   (ii) The Office of Budget Development (CG–DCO–R–2),
   (iii) The Office of Budget Execution (CG–DCO–R–3), and

(d) The Port Safety and Security programs administered by the Chief, Office of Port Security Assessments (CG–PSA), and the Marine Environmental Response programs administered by the Chief, Office of Environmental Response Policy (CG–MER), are guided by regulations contained in 33 CFR chapter I.

1. The Deputy for Operations Policy and Capabilities (CG–DCO–D) exercises technical control over the Commanding Officer, National Maritime Center (NMC), and, through the District Commander, supervises the administration of the Marine Safety Division of District Offices and Officers in Charge, Marine Inspection.

(i) The Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards (CG–5PS), under the general direction and supervision of the Deputy for Operations Policy and Capabilities (CG–DCO–D), establishes federal policies for development of marine safety, security, and environmental protection treaties, laws, and regulations; develops safety, security, and environmental protection standards for the maritime industry; integrates all marine safety, security, and environmental protection regulatory programs; prepares legislation, regulations, and industry guidance for new safety and environmental protection programs; and maintains an active program for development of third party consensus industry standards.

(A) The Chief, Office of Design and Engineering Standards (CG–ENG), at
Headquarters, under the direction of the Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy (CG–5P) and the Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards (CG–5PS), manages the program for defining the overall regulatory approach for vessels, offshore structures, and other marine systems incorporating safety considerations regarding the role of the human element; develops policies and regulations on load line matters and supervises classification societies authorized to assign load lines on behalf of the Coast Guard; oversees the development and maintenance of programs that incorporate risk-based methods in making safety determinations and policies; and oversees technical research and development for safety and environmental protection associated with marine vessels, structures and facilities.

(B) The Chief, Office of Operating and Environmental Standards (CG–OES), at Headquarters, under the direction of the Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy (CG–5P) and the Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards (CG–5PS), coordinates and integrates program standards for personnel qualification, vessel manning, vessel and facility operations, cargo systems and handling, and environmental protection; develops and maintains standards, regulations, and industry guidance for maritime industry operations to prevent deaths, injuries, property damage, and environmental harm; develops and maintains safety standards and regulations for commercial fishing industry vessels and uninspected commercial vessels; and develops and maintains health and safety standards and regulations for U.S.-inspected vessels.

(C) The Chief, Office of Standards Evaluation and Development (CG–REG), at Headquarters, under the direction of the Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy (CG–5P) and the Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards (CG–5PS), coordinates the development of new standards, programs, and regulations across all technical and operational areas of marine safety and environmental protection; provides comprehensive analytical support for all standards assessment and development efforts; coordinates development of measures of effectiveness for assessing regulatory programs and consensus standards; and oversees the Coast Guard’s rulemaking development program.

(D) The Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Center, under the direction of the Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy (CG–5P) and the Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards (CG–5PS), conducts reviews and approvals of plans, calculations, and other materials concerning the design, construction, alterations, and repair of commercial vessels to determine conformance with the marine inspection laws, regulations, and implementing directions, and administers the U.S. Tonnage Measurement program.

(ii) The Director of Inspections and Compliance (CG–5PC), under the general direction and supervision of the Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy (CG–5P), acts as Program Manager for the Marine Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection Programs; directs, coordinates, and integrates the Coast Guard’s marine safety and environmental protection compliance programs, contingency planning, response operations, and investigations programs; establishes and coordinates field implementation policies and priorities for all marine safety commands and units; serves as the focal point for field support and technical guidance; and provides oversight of marine documentation and marine personnel administration matters.

(A) The Chief, Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance (CG–CVC), at Headquarters, under the direction of the Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy (CG–5P) and the Director of Inspections and Compliance (CG–5PC), administers and balances all marine safety and environmental protection compliance programs, including direction of Coast Guard activities and oversight of third parties and industry programs; develops, publishes, and maintains program policies for vessel compliance, interprets standards and regulations, and provides field guidance for execution and enforcement; administers the marine inspection program, commercial fishing vessel examination program, and foreign vessel boarding
(a) To assist the District Commander, and the Atlantic Area Commander with respect to Activities Europe, in carrying out the regulatory and enforcement aspects of marine safety, there is assigned to each District Commander and to the Atlantic