§ 250.1740 How must I verify that the site of a permanently plugged well, removed platform, or other removed facility is clear of obstructions?

Within 60 days after you permanently plug a well or remove a platform or other facility, you must verify that the site is clear of obstructions by using one of the following methods:

(a) For a well site, you must either:
   (1) Drag a trawl over the site;
   (2) Scan across the location using sonar equipment;
   (3) Inspect the site using a diver;
   (4) Videotape the site using a camera on a remotely operated vehicle (ROV); or
   (5) Use another method approved by the District Manager if the particular site conditions warrant.

(b) For a platform or other facility site in water depths less than 300 feet, you must drag a trawl over the site.

(c) For a platform or other facility site in water depths 300 feet or more, you must either:
   (1) Drag a trawl over the site;
   (2) Scan across the site using sonar equipment; or
   (3) Use another method approved by the Regional Supervisor if the particular site conditions warrant.

§ 250.1741 If I drag a trawl across a site, what requirements must I meet?

If you drag a trawl across the site in accordance with §250.1740, you must meet all of the requirements of this section.

(a) You must drag the trawl in a grid-like pattern as shown in the following table:

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>For a . . .</th>
<th>You must drag the trawl across a . . .</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(1) Well site,</td>
<td>30-foot-radius circle centered on the well location.</td>
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<tr>
<td>(2) Subsea well site,</td>
<td>600-foot-radius circle centered on the well location.</td>
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<tr>
<td>(3) Platform site,</td>
<td>1,320-foot-radius circle centered on the location of the platform.</td>
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<tr>
<td>(4) Single-well caisson, well protector jacket, template, or manifold,</td>
<td>600-foot-radius circle centered on the structure location.</td>
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(b) You must trawl 100 percent of the limits described in paragraph (a) of this section in two directions.

(c) You must mark the area to be cleared as a hazard to navigation according to USCG requirements until you complete the site clearance procedures.

(d) You must use a trawling vessel equipped with a calibrated navigational positioning system capable of providing position accuracy of ±30 feet.

(e) You must use a trawling net that is representative of those used in the commercial fishing industry (one that has a net strength equal or greater than that provided by No. 18 twine).

(f) You must ensure that you trawl no closer than 300 feet from a shipwreck, and 500 feet from a sensitive biological feature.

(g) If you trawl near an active pipeline, you must meet the requirements in the following table:

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<tr>
<th>For . . .</th>
<th>You must trawl . . .</th>
<th>And you must . . .</th>
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<td>(1) Buried active pipelines,</td>
<td>First contact the pipeline owner or operator to determine the condition of the pipeline before trawling over the buried pipeline.</td>
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