the port or place of destination. The information must be sent to the National Ballast Information Clearinghouse using only one of the following means:

(i) Via the Internet at http://invasions.si.edu/nbic/submit.html.
(ii) Email to NBIC@BallastReport.org.
(iii) Fax to 301–261–4319.
(iv) Mail to U.S. Coast Guard, c/o Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, P.O. Box 28, Edgewater, MD 21037–0028.

(c) If the information submitted in accordance with this section changes, the master, owner, operator, agent, or person in charge of the vessel must submit an amended report before the vessel departs the waters of the United States.

§ 151.2065 Equivalent reporting methods for vessels other than those entering the Great Lakes or Hudson River after operating outside the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone or Canadian equivalent.

For vessels required to report under §151.2060(b)(3) of this subpart, the Chief, Environmental Standards Division (CG–5224), acting for the Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security, and Stewardship (CG–5), may, upon receipt of a written request, consider and approve alternative methods of reporting if—

(a) Such methods are at least as effective as those required by §151.2060 of this subpart; and

(b) Compliance with §151.2060 of this subpart is economically or physically impractical. The Chief, Environmental Standards Division (CG–5224), will approve or disapprove a request submitted in accordance with this section within 30 days of receipt of the request.

§ 151.2070 Recordkeeping requirements.

(a) The master, owner, operator, agent, or person in charge of a vessel bound for a port or place in the United States, unless specifically exempted by §151.2015 of this subpart, must ensure the maintenance of written records that include the following information:

(1) Vessel information. This includes the name, International Maritime Organisation (IMO) number (official number if IMO number is not issued), vessel type, owner or operator, gross tonnage, call sign, and State of registry (flag).

(2) Voyage information. This includes the date and port of arrival, vessel agent, last port and country of call, and next port and country of call.

(3) Total ballast water information. This includes the total ballast water capacity, total volume of ballast water onboard, total number of ballast water tanks, and total number of ballast water tanks in ballast. Use units of measurements such as metric tons (MT), cubic meters (m³), long tons (LT), and short tons (ST).

(4) Ballast water management (BWM). This includes the total number of ballast tanks/holds that are to be discharged into the waters of the United States or to a reception facility.

(i) If the vessel uses an alternative BWM method, note the number of tanks that are managed using an alternative method, as well as the type of method used.

(ii) Indicate whether the vessel has a BWM plan and IMO ballast water management guidelines onboard, and whether the BWM plan is used.

(5) Information on ballast water tanks that are to be discharged into the waters of the United States or to a reception facility. Include the following:

(i) The origin of ballast water. This includes date(s), location(s), volume(s) and temperature(s). If a tank has undergone ballast water exchange (BWE), list the loading port of the ballast water that was discharged during the exchange.

(ii) The date(s), location(s), volume(s), method, thoroughness (percentage exchanged, if BWE conducted), and sea height at time of exchange of any ballast water exchanged or otherwise managed.

(iii) The expected date, location, volume, and salinity of any ballast water to be discharged into the waters of the United States or to a reception facility.

(6) Discharge of sediment. Include the name and location of the facility where sediment disposal will take place, if sediment is to be discharged within the jurisdiction of the United States.