plan, within the time period specified in the written notice provided by the Coast Guard.

- (g) Plans, including revisions, should be submitted electronically by using the Vessel Response Plan Electronic Submission Tool available at https:// homeport.uscg.mil/vrpexpress.
- (h) If plans are submitted in paper format, owners or operators should use CG Form "Application for Approval/Revision of Vessel Pollution Response Plans" (CG-6083) located at: http://www.uscg.mil/forms/CG/CG\_6083.pdf in lieu of a cover letter to make initial application for plan submission and revision.

[CGD 93-030, 59 FR 51342, Oct. 7, 1994, as amended by CGD 96-026, 61 FR 33665, June 28, 1996; USCG-1998-3799, 63 FR 35530, June 30, 1998; USCG-2008-0179, 73 FR 35014, June 19, 2008; USCG-2010-0351, 75 FR 36284, June 25, 2010; USCG-2008-1070, 78 FR 60122, Sept. 30, 2013]

#### §151.28 Plan review and revision.

- (a) An owner or operator of a ship to which this subpart applies must review the shipboard oil pollution emergency plan annually and submit a letter to Commandant (CG-5431) certifying that the review has been completed. This review must occur within 1 month of the anniversary date of Coast Guard approval of the plan.
- (b) The owner or operator shall submit any plan amendments to Commandant (CG-5431) for information or approval.
- (c) The entire plan must be resubmitted to Commandant (CG-5431) for reapproval 6 months before the end of the Coast Guard approval period identified in §151.27(e) of this subpart.
- (d) A record of annual review and changes to the plan must be maintained in the last appendix of section six of the plan.
- (e) Except as provided in paragraph (f) of this section, revisions must receive prior approval by the Coast Guard before they can be incorporated into the plan.
- (f) Revisions to the seventh section of the plan and the appendices do not require approval by the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard shall be advised and provided a copy of the revisions as they occur.

- (g) Plans, including revisions, should be submitted electronically by using the Vessel Response Plan Electronic Submission Tool available at https:// homeport.uscq.mil/vrpexpress.
- (h) If plans are submitted in paper format, owners or operators should use CG Form "Application for Approval/Revision of Vessel Pollution Response Plans" (CG-6083) located at: http://www.uscg.mil/forms/CG/CG\_6083.pdf in lieu of a cover letter to request the required resubmission, plan amendment, or revision.

[CGD 93-030, 59 FR 51342, Oct. 7, 1994, as amended by CGD 96-026, 61 FR 33665, June 28, 1996; USCG-2008-0179, 73 FR 35014, June 19, 2008; USCG-2008-1070, 78 FR 60122, Sept. 30, 2013]

#### §151.29 Foreign ships.

- (a) Each oil tanker of 150 gross tons and above and each other ship of 400 gross tons and above, operated under the authority of a country other than the United States that is party to MARPOL 73/78, shall, while in the navigable waters of the United States or while at a port or terminal under the jurisdiction of the United States, carry on board a shipboard oil pollution emergency plan approved by its flag state.
- (b) Each oil tanker of 150 gross tons and above and each other ship of 400 gross tons and above, operated under the authority of a country that is not a party to MARPOL 73/78, must comply with §151.21 of this subpart while in the navigable waters of the United States.

[CGD 93–030, 59 FR 51342, Oct. 7, 1994]

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SOURCE: Sections 151.30 through 151.49 appear by CGD 85-010, 52 FR 7759, Mar. 12, 1987, unless otherwise noted.

#### § 151.30 Applicability.

- (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, §§151.30 through 151.49 apply to each ship that—
- (1) Is operated under the authority of the United States and engages in international voyages;
- (2) Is operated under the authority of the United States and is certificated for ocean service;

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- (3) Is operated under the authority of the United States and is certificated for coastwise service beyond three nautical miles from land;
- (4) Is operated under the authority of the United States and operates at any time seaward of the outermost boundary of the territorial sea of the United States as defined in §2.22 of this chapter; or
- (5) Is operated under the authority of a country other than the United States while in the navigable waters of the United States, or while at a port or terminal under the jurisdiction of the United States.
- (b) Sections 151.30 through 151.49 do not apply to—
- (1) A tank barge whose certificate is endorsed by the Coast Guard for a limited short protected coastwise route if the barge is constructed and certificated primarily for service on an inland route:
- (2) A warship, naval auxiliary, or other ship owned or operated by a country when engaged in noncommercial service;
- (3) A Canadian or U.S. ship being operated exclusively on the Great Lakes of North America or their connecting and tributary waters;
- (4) A Canadian or U.S. ship being operated exclusively on the internal waters of the United States and Canada; or
- (5) Any other ship specifically excluded by MARPOL 73/78.

Note to \$151.30 (b)(4): The term "internal waters" is defined in \$2.24 of this chapter.

[CGD 88-002, 54 FR 18405, Apr. 28, 1989, as amended by CGD 88-002A, 55 FR 18582, May 2, 1990; USCG-2008-0179, 73 FR 35014, June 19, 2008]

# § 151.31 Where to find requirements applying to oceangoing ships carrying Category A, B, C, and D NLS.

- (a) The requirements for oceangoing ships carrying NLSs listed in §§151.47 and 151.49 are in §§151.33 through 151.45.
- (b) The requirements for oceangoing ships carrying NLSs listed in Table 151.05 of 46 CFR part 151 and Table 1 of 46 CFR part 153, which are not listed in §151.47 or §151.49, are in 46 CFR parts 98, 151, and 153.

- (c) Alternatives to the requirements in this part for oceangoing ships carrying NLSs are in 46 CFR part 153.
- (d) Procedures for obtaining permission to carry an NLS not listed in §151.47, §151.49, Table 151.05 of 46 CFR part 151, or Table 1 of 46 CFR part 153 are in 46 CFR 153.900(c).

### § 151.32 Special areas for the purpose of Annex II.

- (a) For the purposes of §§151.30 through 151.49, the special areas are the Baltic Sea area, the Black Sea area, and the Antarctic area which are described in §151.06. Discharges into the sea of NLSs or mixtures containing such substances are prohibited in the Antarctic area.
- (b) In accordance with paragraph (13)(a) of Regulation 5 of Annex II of MARPOL 73/78, the discharge restrictions in §151.32 for the Baltic Sea area and the Black Sea area will enter into effect when each Party to MARPOL 73/78 whose coastline borders the special area has certified that reception facilities are available and the IMO has established an effective date for each special area. Notice of the effective date for discharge requirements in these areas will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and reflected in this section.

[CGD 94-056, 60 FR 43378, Aug. 21, 1995]

## §151.33 Certificates needed to carry Category C Oil-like NLS.

- (a) A U.S. oceangoing ship may not carry a Category C oil-like NLS listed in §151.49 in a cargo tank unless the ship has a Certificate of Inspection endorsed to allow the NLS to be carried in that cargo tank, and if the ship engages in a foreign voyage—
- (1) An Attachment for NLSs to the IOPP Certificate, issued under §151.37(a), that allows the NLS to be carried in that cargo tank; or
- (2) A Certificate of Fitness issued under 46 CFR part 153 that allows the NLS to be carried in that cargo tank.
- (b) A foreign oceangoing ship operating in the navigable waters of the U.S. may not carry a Category C oillike NLS listed in §151.49 in a cargo tank unless the ship has—
- (1) An Attachment for NLSs to the IOPP Certificate that allows the NLS to be carried in that cargo tank; or