

(2) The net cross-sectional area of the vent pipe for the tank must be—

- (i) Not less than 312.3 square millimeters (0.484 square inches), or
- (ii) Not less than that of the fill pipe when provision is made to fill a tank under pressure.

(e) *Fuel piping.* Except as permitted in paragraphs (e)(1) and (2) of this section, each fuel line must be seamless and made of steel, annealed copper, nickel-copper, or copper-nickel. Each fuel line must have a wall thickness of not less than 0.9 millimeters (0.035 inch) except that—

(1) Aluminum piping is acceptable on an aluminum-hull vessel if it is installed outside the engine room and is at least Schedule 80 in thickness; and

(2) Nonmetallic flexible hose is acceptable if it—

- (i) Is used in lengths of not more than 0.76 meters (30 inches);
- (ii) Is visible and easily accessible;
- (iii) Does not penetrate a watertight bulkhead;
- (iv) Is fabricated with an inner tube and a cover of synthetic rubber or other suitable material reinforced with wire braid; and
- (v) Either—

(A) If it is designed for use with compression fittings, is fitted with suitable, corrosion-resistant, compression fittings, or fittings compliant with SAE J1475 (incorporated by reference at § 27.102(b)); or

(B) If it is designed for use with clamps, is installed with two clamps at each end of the hose. Clamps must not rely on spring tension and must be installed beyond the bead or flare or over the serrations of the mating spud, pipe, or hose fitting. Installations complying with SAE J1475 are also acceptable.

(3) Nonmetallic flexible hose is also acceptable if it complies with SAE J1942 (incorporated by reference at § 27.102(b)).

(f) A fuel line subject to internal head pressure from fuel in the tank must be fitted with a positive shutoff valve, located at the tank and operable from a safe place outside the space in which the valve is located.

(g) A new towing vessel less than 24 meters (79 feet) in length may comply with any of the following standards for fuel systems instead of the requirements of paragraph (e) of this section:

(1) ABYC H-33 (incorporated by reference at § 27.102(b)).

(2) Chapter 5 of NFPA 302 (incorporated by reference at § 27.102(b)).

(3) 33 CFR Chapter I, subchapter S (Boating Safety).

**§ 27.345 Is a fire axe required on a new towing vessel? [Reserved]**

**§ 27.350 What are the requirements for a muster list on a new towing vessel? [Reserved]**

**§ 27.355 What are the requirements for instruction, drills, and safety orientations conducted on a new towing vessel?**

(a) *Drills and instruction.* The master or person in charge of a vessel must ensure that each crewmember participates in drills and receives instruction at least once each month. The instruction may coincide with the drills, but need not. It must ensure that all crewmembers are familiar with their fire-fighting duties, and specifically, the following contingencies:

(1) Fighting a fire in the engine room and other locations on board the vessel, including how to—

(i) Operate all of the fire-extinguishing equipment on board the vessel;

(ii) Stop the mechanical ventilation system for the engine room if provided, and effectively seal all natural openings to the space to prevent leakage of the extinguishing agent; and

(iii) Operate the fuel shutoff for the engine room.

(2) Activating the general alarm.

(3) Reporting inoperative alarm systems and fire-detection systems.

(4) Putting on a fireman's outfit and a self-contained breathing apparatus, if the vessel is so equipped.

(b) *Alternative form of instruction.* The master or person in charge of a vessel may substitute, for the requirement of instruction in paragraph (a) of this section, the viewing of videotapes concerning at least the contingencies listed in paragraph (a), followed by a discussion led by someone familiar with these contingencies. This instruction may occur either on or off the vessel.

(c) *Participation in drills.* Drills must take place on board the vessel, as if there were an actual emergency. They must include—

(1) Participation by all crewmembers;

(2) Breaking out and using emergency equipment;

(3) Testing of all alarm and detection systems; and

(4) At least one person putting on protective clothing, if the vessel is so equipped.

(d) *Safety orientation.* The master or person in charge of a vessel must ensure that each crewmember who has not received the instruction and has not participated in the drills required by paragraph (a) of this section receives a safety orientation before the vessel gets underway.

(e) The safety orientation must cover the specific contingencies listed in paragraph (a) of this section.

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#### Examination of Current Policy Concerning the Treatment of Confidential Information Submitted to the Commission

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Announcement of OMB approval of information collection requirements.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the approval of the two information collections contained in the Commission's decision published August 18, 1998. That decision discussed policies and amended the rules concerning the treatment of confidential information submitted to the Commission, including the showing to be made in a request for confidential treatment of information, and record keeping requirements for the Model Protective Order.

**DATES:** The recordkeeping information collection requirements published at 63 FR 44161 (August 18, 1998) was approved by OMB on May 17, 1999.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 11, 1998, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) granted emergency approval for the amendment of 47 CFR 0.459(b) and the record keeping requirement contained in the Model Protective Order pursuant to OMB Control No. 3060-0682. OMB approved these two information collections on May 17, 1999, also pursuant to OMB Control No. 3060-0682.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Magalie Roman Salas,**  
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