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**CSI NOTICE TO CLIENTS 05-2017**

**SUBJECT: BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT EXTENSION PROGRAM  
UPDATE**

On March 6, 2017, the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Center issued a Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB 003-2017) providing an update on the ballast water management (BWM) extension program. The MSIB specifically addresses vessels having a compliance date before and including December 31, 2018. Extension requests for these vessels will be evaluated as follows:

- 1) Extension requests that do not provide a justification as to why compliance with one of the BWM methods in 33 CFR 151.1510 or 151.2025 is not possible by the current compliance date will be denied.
- 2) Vessel owners and operators who have identified that a Coast Guard type-approved BWMS is available for a vessel, but do not have enough time to install it prior to the vessel's compliance date must provide a strategy, including a detailed installation plan, for how the vessel would be brought into compliance by installing a Coast Guard type-approved BWMS before the end of the extension. Extensions granted on this basis should be expected not to exceed 18 months.
- 3) Vessel owners and operators who have identified that a Coast Guard type-approved BWMS is not available for a vessel must provide a strategy, including a timeline, for how the vessel would be brought into compliance before the end of the extension. Extensions granted on this basis should be expected not to exceed 30 months.

For a copy of the full MSIB, please visit the following website:

[https://www.uscg.mil/msib/docs/003\\_17\\_3-6-2017.pdf](https://www.uscg.mil/msib/docs/003_17_3-6-2017.pdf).

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