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CSI NOTICE TO CLIENTS 07-2017

SUBJECT: EXPEDITED VESSEL RESPONSE PLAN REQUESTS

On March 13, 2017 the U.S. Coast Guard Vessel Response Plan Program issued a Notice regarding the increased number of expedited requests received by their office. This Notice is to serve as a reminder that the regulatory review timeframes are as follows:

- New Plans must be submitted at least 60 days prior to the vessel operating in US waters.
- Amendments to existing plans must be submitted at least 30 days in advance of the vessels operation in US waters.

Submissions that are received within the regulatory time frame will be given priority. Although the USCG will continue to try to accommodate expedited requests, they state they are unable to guarantee that expedited requests will be honored. Therefore we kindly ask that you provide details regarding new vessels and amendments as soon as available to CSI so that we can submit to the USCG in a timely manner to avoid any delays to your vessel.

The USCG Notice is provided below for your reference. Please direct questions or concerns to csi@compliancesystemsinc.com.

For additional information and services, please see our website <http://compliancesystemsinc.com/>



Expedited Vessel Response Plan Requests:

The Vessel Response Plan Program has been receiving an influx of expedited requests (submissions received outside of the regulatory timeframes). Please be reminded that the regulatory review timeframes are as follows:

VRPs must be submitted at least 60 days before the vessel intends to handle, store, transport, transfer, or lighter oil in areas subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. VRPs requiring revision or amendment must be submitted 30 days in advance of a vessel's operation.

Submissions received within the regulatory timeframes are the Program's priority. Although the Coast Guard works to accommodate expedited requests, please be advised that the Coast Guard/Vessel Response Plan Program cannot guarantee that expedited requests will be honored within the requested timeframe.

To help mitigate delays, the Coast Guard encourages vessel owners/operators to promptly submit their advanced notice of arrival (ANO) while awaiting the pending status of a VRP submission.

Please contact vrp@uscg.mil or the VRP Help Desk at (202) 372-1005 for additional questions or comments.

