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CSI Notice to Clients 08-2017

SUBJECT: USCG E Zero Program (Zero Environmental Deficiencies or Violations)

Beginning July 1st, 2017, vessels enrolled in the QUALSHIP 21 program may also seek the E-Zero designation if they meet the requirements set forth below. The E-Zero program is a new addition to the existing QUALSHIP 21 program, and the intent of this program is to recognize those exemplary vessels that have consistently adhered to environmental compliance, while also demonstrating an immense commitment to environmental stewardship. These vessels will receive the E-Zero designation on their QUALSHIP 21 certificate.

In order to be eligible for E-Zero, applying vessels must:

- Be a vessel enrolled in QUALSHIP 21, maintain certification for the past three years and remain eligible for reenrollment
- Have zero worldwide MARPOL detentions for the vessel in the past three (3) years
- Have zero environmental deficiencies (MARPOL, 33 CFR Subchapter O, Ballast Water Management, Vessel General Permit, Antifouling) in the U.S. over the past three (3) years
- Have zero Letters of warning, Notices of Violation or Civil Penalties related to right whale Mandatory Ship reporting or speed restriction violations over the past 5 (five) years
- Have an Installed CG type-approved Ballast Water Management (BWM) System or operating without a BWM compliance date extension letter granted in accordance with 33 CFR 151.2036.

Benefits to participating in E-Zero include:

For All Vessels:

- Special recognition denoted on QUALSHIP 21 certificate
- Vessel name posted on U.S. Coast Guard website & EQUASIS.



For Tank Vessels:

- Vessel permitted to conduct cargo operations within six months of both the COC annual examination due date and the COC expiration date. OCMI's must, at a minimum, must verify cargo-specific statutory documents (e.g., IOPP, International Certificate of Fitness) and confirm all cargo systems are operational with the master prior to allowing cargo operations. Tank vessels must still receive a full COC renewal examination prior to the issuance of the COC and the vessel's departure from the Captain of the Port Zone.

Full details, including application instructions, may be found in the following link:

https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgcv/cvc2/psc/safety/qualship/QS21_EZero.pdf

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