



## TECHNICAL CIRCULAR No. 164 of 20<sup>th</sup> December 2013

To:	All Surveyors/Auditors
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Subject:	Non-Tanker Vessel Response Plan Implementation Date Reminder
Reference	<b>USCG</b> - 33 CFR 155.5023(a)

Minimum Requirements for IOA (Interim Operating Authorization) Issuance – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014

Recognizing that time may be limited for plan holders and preparers to complete all elements of their NTVRPs before the January 30th deadline, the Coast Guard will issue 6-month IOA letters, as necessary, pursuant to 33 CFR 155.5023. To meet the requirements of 33 CFR 155.5023(a) and receive an IOA letter, vessels must submit a plan containing the minimum following information to COMDT (CG-CVC) at the above address:

- (1) identification of a qualified individual (QI) and alternate QI,
- (2) identification of an OSRO by contract or written consent as appropriate,
- (3) identification of a salvage and marine firefighting provider and submission of a salvage contract and funding agreement or written consent agreement as appropriate, and
- (4) signed certification statement as required by 33 CFR 155.5023(b).

Please note, if the plan is not fully compliant with other Subpart J requirements, i.e., pre-fire plan or vessel specific information is lacking, the certification statement should identify those plan elements that are incomplete.

Early submission of NTVRPs is highly recommended, even if the certification statement identifies NTVRP elements that are incomplete, in order to receive an IOA letter.

Additional questions regarding this matter should be forwarded to the Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance, VRP Program by email at [vrp@uscg.mil](mailto:vrp@uscg.mil).

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Please be advised that MSIB Number 42-13 is available on the U.S. Coast Guard's MSIB website at <http://www.uscg.mil/msib/>.

**REFERENCES:**

- **USCG - 33 CFR 155.5023(a)**

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