



Risk Assessment Solutions

“Prevent, Don’t Cure”

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Subject: EPA’s Vessel General Permit / USCG Job Aid - Important Port State Control Issue!

In connection to our *“Don’t Cure, Prevent”* policy, we would like to inform our clients that the U.S Coast Guard has issued a list of items that will be utilized by the Coast Guard Marine Officers (MI) and Port State Control Officers during their inspections onboard, in order to verify the compliance with the Vessel General Permit 2013 requirements.

The list contains the basic VGP requirements with regards to the recordkeeping and documentation, the bilgewater discharges, the proper housekeeping onboard the vessel etc. It also includes specific references of Parts of the Permit where these requirements can be found, as well as the relevant actions to be followed by the crew for being in line with the VGP 2013.

During their inspection onboard, the MI and PSC Officers shall check in detail the condition of the vessel, the operation of its systems, and the competency of the vessel’s crew.

Finally, we would like to advise our clients to read thoroughly the enclosure attached and to forward same to the Master of the vessel so as the crew to be aware of the items to be checked during the inspection for compliance with the Vessel General Permit requirements.

We remain at your disposal for more details,

Prevention at Sea