



**Marine Safety Information Bulletin**  
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**Waterfront Facility Certificate of Adequacy  
Requirements**

Recently Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Port Arthur has seen an increase in the number of Certificate of Adequacy (COA) applications being submitted after the approved COA has expired. Current regulations, outlined in Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 158, state that once a COA is expired the port or terminal can no longer receive ships. This operational control can only be removed by the submission and approval of a waiver or alternative by the Captain of the Port as stated in 33CFR158.150.

Due to the amount of time needed to review a new application for a COA and to prevent a suspension of facility operations, MSU Port Arthur is requesting that all Waterfront Facilities, required by 33CFR158.135 to hold a COA, to apply for new certificates at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the currently approved COA, or before starting operations.

This notice will be posted on the Coast Guard HOMEPORT website at <http://homeport.uscg.mil>. If you have any questions or need clarification on submission requirements, please call the Facilities Division Officer at (409) 719-5067.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. S. OGRYDZIAK". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

R. S. OGRYDZIAK  
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard  
Captain of the Port