

## Fixed oil discharge piping

### Links to applicable regulations

[33 CFR 155.350](#) – Retention requirements

[33 CFR 155.430](#) – Piping requirements

### Checklist for this item

	Except for vessels with approved oily-water separating equipment for the processing of oily mixtures from bilges or fuel oil ballast, <b>ships that operate on ocean waters must be equipped with a fixed piping system to discharge oily mixtures (bilge slops) –</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To a reception facility or overboard as listed below</li></ul>
	<b>If discharging to a reception facility</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Slops may be retained in the bilge</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Slops may be retained in a slop tank</li></ul>
	<b>The fixed piping system</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Must have at least one pump</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Piping in good and serviceable condition</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• At least one outlet accessible from the weather deck</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A shore connection that is compatible to the reception facility</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A means of stopping the pump(s) near the outlet(s) on the weather deck</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A stop valve at the outlet(s)</li></ul>

If you have questions regarding this topic, contact your local Coast Guard Sector.