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**Random Drug-Testing Rate for Covered Crewmembers
Calendar year 2004**

Under 46 CFR 16.230, the Coast Guard requires marine employers to establish random drug-testing programs for crewmembers on inspected and uninspected vessels. Currently, marine employers are required to test a minimum of 50 percent of covered employees and submit Management Information System (MIS) data forms to the Coast Guard. This chemical drug-testing data is used by the Coast Guard to develop its policies for deterring and detecting illegal drug use in the maritime industry.

Due to the positive results this program has yielded—an industry-wide positive test result of 1.63 percent—the Coast Guard has determined that the minimum drug-testing rate will remain at 50 percent of covered crewmembers for calendar year 2004. This minimum random drug-testing rate is effective January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004.

Submission of the 2003 Management Information System (MIS) data forms must be done prior to March 15, 2004 and may be submitted electronically or in writing to the addresses shown below:

- (1) Electronic Submission: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/moa/dapip.htm>
- (2) Written: Commandant (G-MOA), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Room 2404, Washington DC 20593-0001

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