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Award Solicitation
2016 Rear Admiral William M. Benkert
Environmental Excellence Award

The U.S. Coast Guard is soliciting applications from the marine industry for the biennial Rear Admiral William M. Benkert Award for Environmental Excellence.

This program recognizes corporations and businesses involved in marine facility or vessel operations that have demonstrated sustained excellence and outstanding achievement in protecting the marine environment. It also encourages innovations in operations, maintenance, cargo handling, refueling and training while providing a means to share best practices with others in the marine community.

The 2016 Award will be presented during the inaugural Maritime Energy Transportation Forum (METF) to be held in New Orleans, LA, on March 15, 2016. The 2014 Benkert Awardees were recognized at the American Petroleum Institute (API) Tanker Conference in June 2014. For reference, the 2014 award recipients were:

Osprey

- (1) Polar Tankers Inc., Houston, TX

Silver

- (1) AEP River Operations, St. Louis, MO
- (2) Norwegian Cruise Line, Miami, FL
- (3) Marathon Petroleum Company, Nashville, TN
- (4) Kirby Inland Marine, Channelview, TX

Bronze

- (1) Alaska Clean Seas, Prudhoe Bay, AK

Honorable Mention

- (1) Maersk Line, Limited, Norfolk, VA
- (2) SGS Petroleum Service Corporation, Baton Rouge, LA

Applications will be accepted from 01 October 2015 to 30 November 2015. Potential applicants should visit <http://homeport.uscg.mil/benkert> for award guidelines. If you have any questions or comments, please contact LCDR John Peterson, program coordinator, at (202) 372-1226 or via e-mail: john.g.peterson@uscg.mil.

This notice will be posted on the Coast Guard HOMEPORT website at <http://homeport.uscg.mil> as well as on the Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Website at www.uscg.mil/d8/vtsporthur. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call the VTS Port Arthur Watch Supervisor at (409) 719-5070.



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