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From: Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District
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Subj: COOPERATIVE TOWING VESSEL EXAM PROGRAM GUIDANCE

Ref: (a) Phonecon with Eight District units on December 1, 1997

1. As discussed and agreed upon in reference (a), the following policies and procedures regarding the subject program shall be followed:

a. Apprehension regarding allowing companies to enter Phase II without a substantial proven history was noted. It is believed that the requirement for the company to use an approved quality program such as ISM Code or AWO responsible Carrier Program coupled with the requirement to examine at least 10% of their fleet should allow ample opportunity to evaluate the company prior to allowing it to enter Phase II of this program.

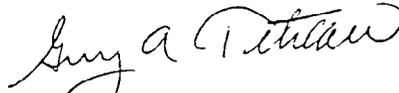
b. Issuance of decals shall be based on compliance, with regulatory requirements as outlined in the D8 towing vessel boarding form. Although individual unit determinations of "good marine practice" shall not be imposed, unit recommendations for changes to the boarding form shall be forwarded to D8 for consideration and adoption.

2. As requested by MSO St. Louis, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has clarified the requirements for the carriage of a Radiotelephone Operator Permit on board towing vessels. In accordance with 33 CFR 26.03 every power driven vessel 20 meters or over and every towing vessel of 26 feet and over in length must carry on board a radiotelephone installation. Additionally, in accordance with 47 CFR 80.163, Enclosure (1), each ship subject to the Bridge to Bridge Act (including these vessels) must have on board a radio operator who holds a restricted radiotelephone operator permit or higher class license (see enclosure (2)). Possession of the appropriate license or proof of application to the FCC will constitute compliance with the FCC rules and with the Navigation Safety Equipment regulations for towing vessels in 33 CFR 164. MSO St. Louis has obtained the updated FCC guidance, which is also provided for your use as Enclosure (3).

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3. Questions regarding the CTVE program may be referred to the Eighth District program manager, LT Keith Fordham at (504) 589-6271.


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By direction

Encl: (1) 47 CFR 80.163
(2) 47 CFR 80.151
(3) FCC Guidance for Radiotelephone Operator Permits

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Sec. 80.163 Operator requirements of the Bridge-to-Bridge Act.

Each ship subject to the Bridge-to-Bridge Act must have on board a radio operator who holds a restricted radiotelephone operator permit or higher class license.

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Sec. 80.151 Classification of operator licenses and endorsements.

(a) Commercial radio operator licenses issued by the Commission are classified in accordance with the Radio Regulations of the International Telecommunication Union.

(b) The following licenses are issued by the Commission. International classification, if different from the license name, is given in parentheses. The licenses and their alphanumeric designator are listed in descending order.

- (1) T-1. First Class Radiotelegraph Operator's Certificate.
 - (2) T-2. Second Class Radiotelegraph Operator's Certificate.
 - (3) G. General Radiotelephone Operator License (radiotelephone operator's general certificate).
 - (4) T-3. Third Class Radiotelegraph Operator's Certificate (radiotelegraph operator's special certificate).
 - (5) MP. Marine Radio Operator Permit (radiotelephone operator's restricted certificate).
 - (6) RP. Restricted Radiotelephone Operator Permit (radiotelephone operator's restricted certificate).
- (c) The following license endorsements are affixed by the Commission

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to provide special authorizations or restrictions. Applicable licenses are given in parentheses.

- (1) Ship Radar endorsement (First and Second Class Radiotelegraph Operator's Certificate, General Radiotelephone Operator License).
- (2) Six Months Service endorsement (First and Second Class Radiotelegraph Operator's Certificate).
- (3) Restrictive endorsements; relating to physical handicaps, English language or literacy waivers, or other matters (all licenses).

Coast Station Operator Requirements

Enclosure (2)

