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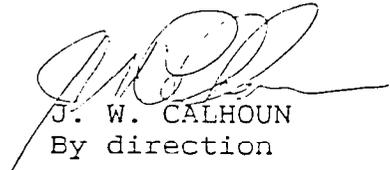
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From: Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District  
To: Distribution

Subj: MONITORING OF ABS ALTERNATE COMPLIANCE PROGRAM (ACP) ACTIVITY

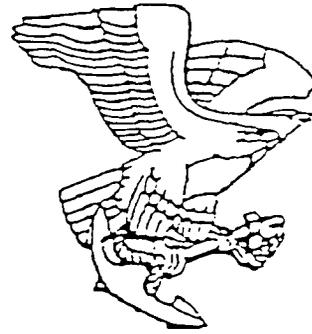
1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded for your action. MSOs are directed to develop and maintain close liaison with ABS to ensure that notification of ACP activity is received. As work load permits, MSO personnel are encouraged to take every available opportunity to observe and evaluate the success and value of this program.

2. History: Since its inception, headquarters program managers have received little or no information regarding ACP activity occurring in the United States. In order to properly evaluate the value of this program, it is essential that OCMI's make every effort to monitor the performance of ABS inspectors and provide feedback regarding the value of this program. Without field comment, this test program will likely be accepted within one year.

  
J. W. CALHOUN  
By direction

Encl: (1) FAX from COMDT (G-MOC) dated 3 June 1996

Dist: All Eighth District MSOs, MSDs and MSU  
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# U.S. Coast Guard ABS Based Alternate Compliance Program

From: ACP Program Admin.  
USCG Headquarters

To: CCGD8

Date: 06/03/96  
Time: 03:02p

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SUBJ: ALTERNATE COMPLIANCE PROGRAM (ACP) ACTIVITY MONITORS

(A) NVIC 2-95

(B) COMDTINST 16711.17

1. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ALL MSO/MIOS SHALL MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO ATTEND AMERICAN BUREAU OF SHIPPING (ABS) ACTIVITY MONITORS ON ACP VESSELS IN YOUR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY, RESOURCES PERMITTING. THE PURPOSE OF ATTENDING THESE ACTIVITY MONITORS IS TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH ABS PROCESS INSTRUCTIONS AND THE ABS QUALITY SYSTEM SECONDARILY, THIS WILL BETTER ASSIST WITH ACP OVERSIGHT. OCMIS SHALL WORK CLOSELY WITH LOCAL ABS PORT OFFICES TO DETERMINE UPCOMING ACTIVITY MONITORS.
2. ABS SURVEYORS-IN-CHARGE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED REGARDING THIS MATTER, AND WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY PROCESS INSTRUCTIONS FOR EACH TYPE OF ACTIVITY MONITOR. YOUR ROLE IN ATTENDING THESE ACTIVITY MONITORS WILL BE AS AN OBSERVER ONLY.
3. **A NEW ACP ACTIVITY MONITOR FORM IS FORTHCOMING AND WILL BE COMPLETED AFTER EVERY ACTIVITY MONITOR AND FAXED TO G-MOC, 202 267 4394 FOR DATA CAPTURE.** THESE FORMS ARE VITAL TO EVALUATING THE SUCCESS OF ACP.
4. SCHEDULING FOR THESE ACTIVITY MONITORS SHALL BE SIMILAR TO SCHEDULING VESSEL INSPECTIONS. THE ONLY EXCEPTION FOR NOT ATTENDING ACP ACTIVITY MONITORS WILL BE FOR THOSE ACTIVITY MONITORS THAT ARE CONDUCTED OVERSEAS. FUTURE GUIDANCE TO FOLLOW FOR MIOS IN THESE LOCATIONS.
5. POC IS CDR FITZPATRICK, PHONE: 202 267 1464, FAX: 202 267 4394, E-MAIL: CDR R FITZPATRICK/G-M

Attached to this FAX is the ACP Monitor Form noted above:

# ACP Activity Monitor

Ref: COMDTINST 16711.17, Oversight of CG/ABS/ACP

Name of Vessel: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Port/OCMI:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Inspection Time: Begin \_\_\_\_\_ End \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Activity Monitor (i.e. Safety Equipment): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicable Process Instruction(s) used by ABS Surveyor:  
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Number of Outstanding Recommendations (OSR): \_\_\_\_\_

If any OSRs, please explain, including action taken:  
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Boarding Team: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_\_

Note, also include ABS Surveyors

FAX TO G-MOC @ 202 267 4394 once completed.