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Subj: BARGE FACILITY VIDEO SURVEILLANCE POLICY

Ref: (a) Marine Safety Manual, Vol. III Chap. 22, COMDTINST M16000.7
(b) Marine Safety Manual, Vol. VII Chap. 2, COMDTINST M16000.12

1. This policy is issued to clarify the standards required for barge fleeting facility security in 46 CFR 35.05-15, 46 CFR 151.45-2 and references (a) and (b), particularly with respect to video surveillance. In cases where the barges are moored at a facility, a person need not be physically present on the barges to maintain security unless extraordinary circumstances require it. Remote video cameras may be accepted by the COTP/OCMI as meeting the requirements in the above sections, subject to the following conditions:

- a. The video surveillance must be continuous.
- b. The person conducting the video surveillance must be able to immediately respond to security concerns.
- c. Depending upon the circumstances at the facility and at the discretion of the COTP/OCMI, security personnel should be encouraged to augment the video surveillance with on-scene monitoring.

2. This constitutes a clarification of and not a change to existing policy. Any questions on this should be addressed to LT Stocklin at (504) 589-4554.

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