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Good Morning All,

The TVBP Update message release July 2nd states “FEEDBACK RECEIVED FROM INDUSTRY AND THE WORKGROUP OVERSEEING PHASE 1 WILL HELP US TO FINE TUNE THE SCOPE OF EXAM, PROCEDURES FOR DECAL ISSUANCE, WORK THROUGH ANY SAFETY CONCERNS, AND DEVELOP ADVANCED TRAINING TOPICS FOR COAST GUARD AND INDUSTRY MEMBERS.”

At recent industry events, AWO meetings, and during our monthly workgroup phone conferences we have discussed many measures we could take to improved the TVBP, one being decal issuance. The memo Capt Christensen signed last summer establishing the TVBP, and the HillerSafe Inspection Notice, issued June 8, 2010, are two documents that state decals are not to be issued if deficiencies exist. After 1 year into the program, the creation of Policy LTR 10-02 that allows for liberal extensions of deficiencies, we feel the issuance of decals, in certain circumstances when long-term deficiencies exist, can be allowed.

The criteria for issuance of decals if deficiencies exist are as follows:

- If a HillerSafe fire detection system is installed on board a vessel, a decal may be issued.
- If the company has officially requested more time per CG-543 Policy Letter 10-02 to address a deficiency, and that request has been approved, a decal may be issued as they plan to work towards compliance.

This policy, along with other enhancements, will be included in an upcoming change to the TVBP memo issued by CG-543 last summer. It is not necessary to go back through all of your activities to find out if a vessel could be issued a decal based on this new policy unless easily achievable. Vessels that fall into these new criteria may approach the OCMI office that conducted the original Industry Initiated Exam and request a decal for their vessel effective today.

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