



## **Marine Safety Information Bulletin**

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### **CAPTAIN OF THE PORT POLICY ON LETTERS OF ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE (LOAC) FOR REDUCED MANNING**

The purpose of this Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) is to inform facilities that the COTP Port Arthur has established policy for the review and issuance of letters of alternative compliance for reduced manning. The policy outlines guidelines and establishes procedures for requesting alternatives to reduce the number of persons in charge (PIC) present at transfers to a level below that required by Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 156.115, including the transfer Liquefied Hazardous Gasses.

The COTP policy requires all facilities that currently have a letter of alternative compliance for reduced manning or those operating outside the provisions listed above, to re-submit/submit a letter requesting alternative compliance prior to September 13, 2011. After this date, all existing letters of alternative compliance will expire, regardless of the expiration date on existing letters.

This policy has been posted on the HOMEPORT website and will be distributed by other means, including mail and e-mail. If you have any questions regarding this new policy please contact LCDR Christy Rutherford at (409) 719-5011.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. J. Plunkett".

**J. J. PLUNKETT**  
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