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Marine Vapor Control Systems Final Rule Published

The U.S. Coast Guard announced today publication of a final rule in the Federal Register that amends Coast Guard regulations governing marine vapor control systems (VCSs).

VCSs are used to collect volatile organic compounds and other environmental pollutants that are emitted during loading and other operations of a marine tank vessel. Coast Guard regulations do not require any vessel or facility to use VCSs, but provide safety requirements for vessels or facilities that do use them. The final rule revises the previous safety regulations for facility and vessel VCSs to be more compatible with new Federal and State environmental requirements. The final rule regulates industry advancements in VCS technology and codifies the standards in the design and operation of a VCS at a tank barge cleaning facility. This rulemaking promotes the Coast Guard's strategic goals of maritime safety and environmental protection.

The final rule and related materials may be reviewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number: USCG-1999-5150.

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