DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
U.S. Coast Guard

OFFICER SPECIALTY REQUIREMENTS (OSR)

Reference: COMDTINST M5300.3 (series)

SECTION I General Information

1. Specialty/Subspecialty Title (*Ex. Fixed Wing Aviation)*	2. Code (*Ex. CG-AVI11)*
Marine Environmental Response	CG-OAR15

3. Specialty/Subspecialty Description

The Coast Guard, as the lead federal agency for oil and hazardous substance spill response and preparedness in the coastal zone, is responsible for directing the removal and mitigation of oil and hazardous substances impacting the marine environment. Coast Guard Sector Commanders serve as the Federal On-Scene Coordinator (FOSC), which requires them to oversee the oil and hazardous substance spill response effort and determines if the efforts are conducted as per the National Oil and Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP). The Marine Environmental Response (MER) subspecialty (OAR-15) supports the FOSC through detection and control of oil and hazardous substances as per the Clean Water Act and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as promulgated in the NCP, and the National Response System, which is the mechanism for coordinating response actions by all levels of government.

4. Change Justification

☐ Annual Review ☒ Annual Review w/changes ☐ Required *(change in policy, law, etc.)*

☐ Other *(briefly state reason):*

SECTION II Initial (*Apprentice*) Specialty/Subspecialty Requirements

Enter items needed for specialty designation *(Use block 10 for additional space or another CGHQ-5318 form)*

5. Required items:	Competency	Training	Education	License
Non-National Strike Force (NSF) Personnel:	☐	☐	☐	☐
MARED (ED): Pollution Responder - See Note 1 below	X	☐	☐	☐
MARET (ET): Federal On-Scene Coordinator Representative (FOSCR)	X	☐	☐	☐
DIVS: ICS Division Group Supervisor	X	☐	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐
NSF Personnel:	☐	☐	☐	☐
MAREE (RM): Response Member	X	☐	☐	☐
MAREH (RO): Response Officer	X	☐	☐	☐
DIVS: ICS Division Group Supervisor	X	☐	☐	☐
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Notes: *(Required experience, in lieu of considerations...)*

Required Experience for OAR-15 Apprentice:
- Complete a minimum of 02 years in an operational OAR-15 coded billet.
- Perform FOSCR duties for a minimum of 01 year (as verified by the Command approval authority and MARET competency effective date VIA the CGBI Employee Summary Sheet-ESS).

Operational tour examples may include:
1. Sector/MSU/MSD Incident Management Division
2. Sector/MSU Response Department Head
3. National Strike Force (NSF) Strike Team
4. Legacy Port Operations Department

Note 1: The Pollution Investigator (PI) competency is acceptable in lieu of the MARED (ED) Pollution Responder competency.

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Enter items desired for career broadening/specialization. *(Use block 10 for additional space or another CGHQ-5318 form)*

6. Desired items	Competency	Training	Education	License
Optional, but highly recommended:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Marine Environmental Protection Industry Training	☐	☒	☐	☐
NOAA's Science of Spills	☐	☒	☐	☐
NOAA's Shoreline Clean-up and Assessment Technique (SCAT) Training	☐	☒	☐	☐
NOAA's Aerial Observation of Oil Spills	☐	☒	☐	☐
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SECTION III Requirements to Maintain Specialty Designation

7. Designation Duration *(Ex. OSC expires 7 years after date last used, usually detachment from OSC coded billet)*

☒ No requirements to maintain designation

☐ Subject to deletion if -

Must remain current in, or must complete refresher training, or additional items as applicable, in the following	Competency	Training	Education	License
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SECTION IV Requirements to Advance: Journeyman/Master Levels (AJM)

☐ AJM IS NOT applicable for this specialty *(skip Section IV)*

☒ AJM IS applicable for this specialty *(Section II contains Apprentice requirements that must be met)*

Enter items needed for AJM designation *(Use block 10 for additional space or another CGHQ-5318 form)*

8. Journeyman *(in addition to block 5 items)* All items listed are required unless annotated with an *:	Competency	Training	Education	License
OSC3: ICS Type 3 Operations Section Chief	X			
Code 400475: Oil Spill Control Course		X		
Code 242100: Hazardous Material Incident Response (HMIR)-See Note 1		X		

Notes: *(Required experience, in lieu of considerations...)*

Required Experience for OAR-15 Journeyman:
Complete two tours in an OAR-15 coded billet, one of which must be operational. The second OAR-15 tour that may be considered can include:
1. Coast Guard Headquarters - Office of Marine Environmental Response Policy (CG-MER)
2. District Response Advisory Team (DRAT)
3. National Strike Force Coordination Center (NSFCC)

Note 1: NSF personnel meet this requirement by receiving the RM competency (discussed in block 5 of this document). COMDT (CG-MER) may authorize a 40-hour Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) course approved by OHSA IAW 29 CFR 1910.120 (e)(3)(i) in lieu of HMIR. Final authorization of this substitution must be approved by COMDT (CG-MER).

9. Master *(in addition to block 8 items)* All items listed are required unless annotated with an * :	Competency	Training	Education	License
OSC2: ICS Type 2 Operations Section Chief	X			
Code 201481: MS On-Scene Coordinator Crisis Management/ICS-410		X		
Environmental Management Post Graduate School Program (optional)*			X	

Notes: *(Required experience, in lieu of considerations...)*

Required Experience for OAR-15 Master:
1. Complete one tour in an OAR-15 coded staff billet in addition to the tour requirements outlined in blocks 5 and 8.
2. Successful completion of the Environmental Management Post Graduate School Program may be substituted in lieu of an OAR-15 coded staff tour. Final authorization of this substitution must be approved by COMDT (CG-MER).

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10. Additional Info:

11. Specialty Manager *(SM)* / Sponsor Program	12. SM Phone Number	13. SM Email Address
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SECTION V Appropriate Approval Authority

14. Competent Authority as established by Assistant Commandant/Directorate *(Printed Name/Title/Grade)*

CAPT Joseph Loring, Marine Environmental Response Policy (CG-MER)

15. Signature	16. Date
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SECTION VI OPM-3 Review and Validation
Official once published by OPM-3

17. OPM-3 *(Printed Name/Title/Grade)*

CDR Beth Naff, CG PSC-OPM-3 Branch Chief

18. Signature	19. Date
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