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Alternate Tonnage Threshold for Oil Spill Response Vessels Published

The U.S. Coast Guard announced publication today in the *Federal Register* of an interim rule establishing an alternate tonnage threshold for oil spill response vessels (OSRVs). This rule provides an alternate tonnage threshold for owners and operators of vessels so that the vessels may be employed as both offshore supply vessels (OSVs) and OSRVs.

The establishment of alternate tonnage thresholds provides a mechanism for the Coast Guard to regulate vessels under tonnages assigned using the system of the 1969 International Tonnage Measurement (TM) Convention at the vessel owner's request. There is no mandatory cost to the public as a result of this interim rule.

The final rule and related materials may be reviewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number: USCG-2011-0966.

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