



THE LETTER OF WARNING FROM THE HEARING OFFICER

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The Coast Guard Hearing Office Detachment also receives many calls from field units advising us that a mariner has contacted them because the mariner received notice of civil penalty action from a Hearing Officer.

Field units and personnel are reminded that if a mariner has received a letter from a Hearing Officer the party should respond in writing to the Hearing Officer. If the party has questions about the process, they can be advised to contact the Hearing Office Detachment at 202-493-6870 and the Administrative Support Staff will assist them with questions they have regarding the civil penalty letter and how to respond. Personnel can also refer the mariner to our website www.uscg.mil/legal/cgho. The website offers information as to options available to the party and how to respond to the Preliminary Assessment Letter (PAL) . There is also guidance regarding the conduct of hearings and where to send evidence in defense, extenuation and mitigation. Our website also offers important information on how to make a payment should they choose to pay their penalty in full or set up a payment plan. The website offers some background information about our mission.