



LGCNCOE Field Notice 01-2014  
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## MEMORANDUM

From: W. R. Reams III, CDR   
To: Distribution  
Subj: DEFERMENT OF FGCE PQS TASKS

1. On 27 March 2014, the Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance (CG-CVC) announced the release of the revised Foreign Gas Carrier Examiner (FGCE) Performance Qualification Standard (PQS) workbook to be used by personnel seeking qualification as a FGCE. Located in the preamble of this PQS is a requirement for units to notify the Liquefied Gas Carrier National Center of Expertise (LGCNCOE) before deferring a PQS task.
2. The purpose of this notification is twofold. First, we may be able to identify alternative opportunities for the individual to accomplish the PQS task that are unavailable otherwise. Second, it allows us to monitor which tasks, if any, are being deferred. Consistent deferment of a task by multiple units may necessitate a further look at the validity of that particular task.
3. FGCE PQS task deferment notifications should be submitted via email to the LGCNCOE Training Manager, Mr. Rob Hanley, at [lgcncoe@uscg.mil](mailto:lgcncoe@uscg.mil). Please enter FGCE PQS TASK DEFERMENT in the subject line. In the body of the email, please include the identification number of the task (ie, FGCE-XXX-01), name of the task, name of prospective FGCE, unit name, PQS completion progress (by percentage) for the prospective FGCE, anticipated completion date of PQS, the reason for deferment of task and any recommendations that would assist the prospective FGCE with completing the task. A sample of the e-mail notification is attached.
4. The LGCNCOE Training Manager will review the notification and provide a response to the notifying unit within 7 days. The response will include a recommendation for the prospective FGCE to demonstrate proficiency with the task or concurrence with the deferment of the task. Please contact Mr. Hanley with any questions; however refrain from sending deferment notifications to him personally. Thank you!

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Enclosure: (1) Sample FGCE PQS task deferment email

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Port State Control Branches  
Marine Inspection Training Officers & Unit Training Officers  
All USCG Foreign Gas Carrier Examiners (FGCE)

## Sample FGCE PQS Task Deferment email

From: Smith, John A. CIV  
Sent: Wednesday, January 1, 2014 12:00 PM  
To: [lgncoe@uscg.mil](mailto:lgncoe@uscg.mil)

Subject: FGCE PQS TASK DEFERMENT

Task Identification: FGCE-GF07

Task Name: Examine the Gas Combustion Unit

Prospective FGCE Name: ENS I.M. Learning

Unit Name: Sector Southeast Texas

Percentage of FGCE PQS Complete: 90%

Anticipated Completion of PQS: 1 Apr 2014

Reason for Deferral: Since ENS Learning began working on his FGCE PQS, only LNG carriers with steam plants, not outfitted with gas combustion units (GCUs), have visited the Sector Southeast Texas AOR. This has provided ENS Learning with no opportunity to demonstrate proficiency with the identified FGCE PQS task.

Recommendation(s): (1) Defer the task until an LNG carrier visits Sector Southeast Texas that has a GCU onboard. ENS Learning will attend that ship with a FGCE VO and demonstrate proficiency. (2) Coordinate with neighboring sectors about LNG vessels outfitted with GCUs arriving in their AOR. If the task has not already been completed, ENS Learning will demonstrate proficiency with that sector's FGCE PQS VO, at the next opportunity to do so.

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