



Lieutenant Commander Dallas Smith, National Technical Advisor

LCDR Dallas Smith is the U.S. Coast Guard's National Technical Advisor for liquefied gas. He is assigned to the U.S. Coast Guard's Liquefied Gas Carrier National Center of Expertise (LGC NCOE), located in Port Arthur, TX. He is a technical expert for all foreign and U.S. flagged vessels and barges that carry liquefied gases in bulk, LNG/LPG terminals, LNG Bunkering, and LNG as a marine fuel. LCDR Smith creates and reviews USCG policy, regulations, procedures and standards for liquefied gas carriers, liquefaction and regas terminals, LNG bunkering operations, and LNG fuel systems. He develops qualifications and instructs the Gas Carrier Inspector Course for USCG marine inspectors.



LCDR Smith reported to the LGC NCOE in June 2014 with over 14 years of Coast Guard experience. He recently completed the Coast Guard's 1-year Merchant Marine Industry Training (MMIT) program with Excelerate Energy and Cheniere Energy, both world renowned leaders and world renowned in the LNG industry. While in the program, LCDR Smith gained invaluable experience and knowledge of LNG vessel and terminal operations and the development & construction of LNG liquefaction terminals and floating, storage, regasification unit (FSRU) vessels.

Prior to MMIT, LCDR Smith was the Supervisor of Marine Safety Detachment (MSD) Brownsville, TX, where he oversaw and managed all marine safety, homeland security, and emergency management missions at the U.S./Mexico border. This included managing inspections on foreign and U.S. flagged chemical, LPG, LNG, oil tankers, passenger vessels, tank barges, mobile offshore drilling units (MODUs) / oil platforms. He also supervised all marine casualties and accident investigations, pollution investigations, water-front oil, chemical, and liquefied gas terminal safety & MTSA exams. Additionally, he directed and coordinated all federal responses to environmental spills, releases, and severe weather threats with state/local government and the impacted maritime industry. Prior to MSD Brownsville, LCDR Smith served as a Senior Marine Inspector and a Port State Control Examiner at Sector Houston-Galveston, where he conducted comprehensive safety and security inspections on U.S. and foreign freight/oil/chemical/LPG/LNG vessels and terminals. LCDR Smith received his commission in 2005 after serving as an Electronic Technician for 4.5 years and serving at Electronics Support Detachment (ESD) New Orleans.

LCDR Smith is a Senior Marine Inspector and Foreign Gas Carrier Examiner with additional qualifications and experience in both marine casualty investigation and waterfront facilities. He holds an M.B.A. with honors from Liberty University (2016), B.S. degrees with honors in Technology Management and Organizational Leadership from University of Houston (2010), an A.A.S. in Electronic Engineering from Thomas Edison State College (2003).

LCDR Smith's military awards include the Coast Guard Commendation Medals (2), Coast Guard Achievement Medals (2), the Commandant's Letter of Commendation, and numerous other personal and team awards.

LCDR Smith is originally from Jacksonville, TX and now lives in Nederland, Texas with his wife, Tiffany, and their three children Blake (16), Brayden (9), and Addisyn (4).