



U.S. COAST GUARD EIGHTH DISTRICT  
GULF OF MEXICO OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF  
MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN  
EXTENSION OF THIRD PARTY SURVEYS



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This MSIB updates guidance concerning surveys that are normally conducted offshore by third party service providers contracted to maintain compliance with Coast Guard regulations for fixed and floating facilities.

Considering the ongoing impacts of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), and to continue to minimize possible spread of the virus offshore, the Coast Guard D8 Outer Continental Shelf OCMI will consider, on a case-by-case basis, extending the requirement for third party surveys associated with CG regulated systems to 31 September 2020. Extensions will be considered for inspections related to firefighting and lifesaving equipment, including but not limited to lifeboat servicing, fire extinguishers, and fixed firefighting equipment.

Operators are expected to reach out to my office to request an extension under this MSIB at least seven days prior to expiration, and to continue performing that maintenance that would regularly be completed by the crew onboard the facility.

It should be noted that this extension does not apply to any system regulated by any other government organization, and it is not applicable to units that are subject to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) or the International MODU Code. For these vessels it is recommended that you contact your Flag State for direction. Any questions regarding this bulletin should be sent via email to [ocscorrespondence@uscg.mil](mailto:ocscorrespondence@uscg.mil) or via phone to CDR Mickey Dougherty at 504-671-2106.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. J. Denning".

M. J. DENNING  
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Eighth District Outer Continental Shelf  
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