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ALTERNATE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ACCEPTANCE – REVISION #2

The Coast Guard has completed its review of the Alternate Management System (AMS) application submitted by JFE Engineering Corporation for the JFE BallastAce ballast water treatment system (BWTS). This letter, which is a revision to a previous AMS acceptance letter issued April 14, 2014, grants AMS acceptance in accordance with the requirements of 33 CFR 151.2026 for the following JFE BallastAce model:

- JFE BallastAce 4500 with Treatment Rated Capacity from 17.5 thru 4500 m³/h with associated candle type and panel type filter configurations and employing either NEO-CHLOR MARINE granules or TG Ballastcleaner solution as an active substance, as type approved by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan, and as detailed in the type approval certificate Document No. 2 (Rewritten) issued June 26, 2013 and an Attachment to this certificate issued February 24, 2015 which approves this BWTS for use in all water salinity regimes, including freshwater.

The JFE BallastAce Ballast Water Treatment System (BWTS) is assigned the following AMS identification number:

AMS-2013- JFE BallastAce-001

Coast Guard acceptance of the JFE BallastAce BWTS as an AMS does not accord or imply conformance to or compliance with any other Federal, state, or local water discharge effluent limitations that may apply to the vessel on which the AMS operates or the regulatory regimes and locations within which it operates. The owner and operator of the vessel must comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and treaties, including the Clean Water Act and associated provisions of the Vessel General Permit (VGP); the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act of 1972, as amended (FIFRA); other Coast Guard safety regulations and requirements; and other applicable laws and regulations.

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In accordance with 33 CFR 151.2026 (a)(5), the AMS application required the submittal of a type approval application for the BWTS. The type approval information submitted with the AMS application does not have any bearing on the type approval status of the BWTS, nor does Coast Guard acceptance of the JFE BallastAce BWTS as an AMS indicate that the BWTS meets requirements for Coast Guard type approval.

The following conditions apply for the operation of the JFE BallastAce BWTS in U.S. waters:

1. The AMS manufacturer must comply with all general conditions of certification stipulated in the type approval certificate issued by the Government of Japan, as referenced above. Revocation of type approval by the approving authority will result in revocation of this AMS acceptance. Copies of all reports required under the stated conditions of use must be submitted to the Environmental Standards Division (OES-3) at the following address or email:

COMMANDANT (CG-OES-3)
United States Coast Guard Stop 7509
2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE
Washington DC 20593-7509
e-mail: environmental_standards@uscg.mil

2. Installation and repairs of the AMS must be performed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and approved by the flag administration or its representative.
3. Operation and maintenance must be conducted in accordance with all specifications and limiting conditions stipulated on the certificate of type approval and with the manufacturer's instructions, including any limitations posed by the environment (for example, water quality, temperature, salinity, or other parameters) or vessel operations (for example, voyage duration, pumping rates, or other constraints). The following specific conditions apply:
 - a. **Flow rates:** The flow rate of ballast water through the system should not exceed the treatment rated capacity (TRC) for the installed system.
 - b. **Differential pressure across the filter:** The pressure differential across the filter should not exceed 0.9 bar. The JFE BallastAce BWTS is preset to automatically increase the flow rate for back flushing if the differential pressure across the filter reaches 0.5 bar, and to switch to full back flush mode if the differential pressure across the filter reaches 0.7 bar. An alarm is sounded by the control system if the differential pressure across the filter exceeds 0.9 bar.

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- c. **Design dose of oxidants:** The JFE BallastAce BWTS is designed to use granular and liquid forms of active substances, as detailed below:
- i. The granular form of the active substance has the brand name NEO-CHLOR MARINE (sodium dichloroisocyanurate dihydrate granules). It is injected into the ballast water at a single point. The maximum dosage for the NEO-CHLOR MARINE active substance is 10 milligrams per liter (mg/L), measured as chlorine.
 - ii. The liquid form of the active substance has the brand name TG Ballastcleaner (sodium hypochlorite solution). It is injected into the ballast water at a single point with an injector that has multiple holes or jets. The maximum dosage for the TG Ballastcleaner active substance is 20 mg/L, measured as chlorine.

For treatment with both the granular and liquid forms of the active substance, the minimum total residual oxidant (TRO) concentration in the ballast water is 2.5 mg/L, measured as chlorine. This BWTS will cease operations if the maximum dosage concentration is exceeded.

This BWTS is type approved for use in all water salinity regimes. It is accepted for use as an AMS in U.S. waters with salinity concentrations of 0 PSU (practical salinity units) and above.

- d. **Maximum allowable discharge concentration (MADC):** Prior to the discharge of treated ballast water, the TRO concentration must be measured to ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local water quality effluent limits. Residual oxidant concentrations are measured by the TRO analyzer, which automatically controls the neutralizing unit to achieve the desired concentration of TRO in the discharged ballast water.

A historical record documenting that the system has been operated within these criteria, including a record of any alarm conditions, shall be made available for review onboard the vessel.

4. If installed on a U.S. flag vessel, it must be shown that the system and installation comply with or provide an equivalent level of safety to the requirements of 46 CFR Subchapter F (Marine Engineering) and Subchapter J (Electrical Engineering). All electrical equipment located within hazardous areas must be explosion proof or intrinsically safe as certified by an independent laboratory recognized by USCG per 46 CFR 111.105-7.
5. Use of the AMS is specified in the ship's ballast water management plan (BW plan), required by 33 CFR 151.2050(g). The BW plan must identify: (1) the ballast water management practices to be used in the event the AMS cannot be used and (2) the personnel responsible for the operation, maintenance, and repair of the BWTS. An up-to-

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date record of the operation, maintenance, and repair of the BWTS must be maintained onboard the ship.

6. Any change in design, materials, manufacturing, or intended operational conditions of this BWTS without prior notification to, and acceptance by, the U. S. Coast Guard will automatically invalidate this AMS acceptance. Prior to any such change, the manufacturer of an AMS must notify the Commanding Officer, U. S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Center (MSC), at the following address or e-mail:

Commanding Officer (MSC)
Attn: Marine Safety Center
U.S. Coast Guard Stop 7410
4200 Wilson Blvd, Suite 400
Arlington VA 20598-7410
e-mail: msc@uscg.mil

The notification must include: (1) a description of the change, the reason it is required, and its intended advantages; (2) an explanation of any effect of the change on installation, operation, maintenance, or repair requirements, and; (3) an indication of whether or not the original configuration of the BWTS will be discontinued.

7. If the installed AMS does not operate properly when treating ballast water intended for discharge in U.S. waters, the person directing the movement of the vessel must ensure that the problem is reported to the nearest Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) or District Commander as soon as practicable. The Coast Guard shall be notified of any treatment system or component failures, irreparable damage to components of the AMS, frequent process upsets or out-of-bounds operating conditions, or other situations or process-related conditions that may reduce treatment effectiveness. The vessel may continue to the next U.S. port of call, subject to the directions of the COTP or District Commander, as provided by 33 CFR 160.
8. All transport and handling of chemicals required for proper operation of the AMS must be conducted in accordance with 46 CFR 147 (Hazardous Ships' Stores), 49 CFR 171-180 (Hazardous Materials Regulations), and 46 CFR 98.30 (portable tanks), as appropriate.
9. Use of the AMS must be reported in the ship's ballast water management reports submitted to the National Ballast Information Clearinghouse, as required by 33 CFR 151.2060, as follows:
 - a. In Section 4, report the number of tanks treated by the AMS in the space labeled "Underwent Alternative Management";
 - b. In Section 4, write the AMS identification number (AMS-2013-JFE BallastAce-001) in the space labeled "Please specify alternative method(s) used, if any", and;

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- c. In Section 5, in the middle section titled “BW MANAGEMENT PRACTICES” identify the management method as “ALT” under the heading “Method (ER/FT/ALT)” for each tank for which the AMS was used.

The Coast Guard may suspend, withdraw or terminate the acceptance of this BWTS as an AMS in accordance with 46 CFR 2.75-40, 2.75-50(a) and 2.75-50(b), respectively.

A copy of this letter shall be provided to each vessel with this installed AMS and shall be available for review when the vessel is operating in U.S. waters.

I thank you for your dedicated efforts to seek out AMS acceptance, and we look forward to working with you throughout the type approval process. If you have any questions concerning this letter, you may contact Mr. John Meehan of my staff at John.A.Meehan@uscg.mil.

Sincerely,



R. E. BAILEY

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard

Office of Operating and Environmental Standards

By direction

