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Subj: MANNING REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-SELF-PROPELLED MOBILE OFFSHORE
DRILLING UNITS

Ref: (a) COMDT (G-MOC-1) ltr 16740 dtd 24 Feb 97

1. Effective immediately, Eighth District Regional Examination Centers (RECs) are directed to suspend implementation of reference (a). RECs are authorized to continue the long-standing practice of issuing Merchant Mariners Documents restricted to service as Able Seaman-Mobile Offshore Unit and Lifeboatman-Mobile Offshore Unit.
2. This action is taken in response to comments by industry that the Coast Guard had underestimated the effect of reference (a). This return to our original policy will allow time to properly assess all options.
3. Under separate cover, Eighth District unit volunteers for a CG/industry Natural Work Group to study all available options will be solicited. Options to consider include legislative authorization for these endorsements or removal of the requirement for ABs from the Certificate of Inspection of the subject vessels.
4. A Headquarters suspension of reference (a) is anticipated within the week.

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