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## **Marine Inspection Notice**

### **MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND SINGLE HULL TANKERS (T-AO)**

Military Sealift Command has informed the Office of Vessel Activities (CG-543) that mariners are claiming that U.S. Coast Guard field offices have informed them that their licenses are at risk by operating USNS single hull tankers (after OPA-90 phase out dates). This caused concern among mariners and unions, and therefore raised concern at the Military Sealift Command.

Mere service on a single hull USNS tanker, that is owned or demise chartered and operated by the U.S., not engaged in commercial service, does not place a mariner's license in jeopardy because that USNS tanker would be a public vessel under 46 USC 2101 and exempted from the double hull requirements by 46 USC 2109. The T-AOs are U.S. government owned and operated in U.S. government service and thus fall under the exemption.

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to Office of Vessel Activities, Domestic Compliance Division (CG-5431) at [CG5431@uscg.mil](mailto:CG5431@uscg.mil) or (202) 372-1224.