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Alternate Tonnage Threshold for Oil Spill Response Vessels Final Rule Published

The U.S. Coast Guard today announced publication in the *Federal Register* of a final rule establishing an alternate tonnage threshold for oil spill response vessels (OSRV).

This rulemaking will establish an alternate maximum tonnage threshold for OSRVs that are also certificated as offshore supply vessels (OSV) under 46 CFR subchapter L. The establishment of alternate tonnage thresholds provides a mechanism for the Coast Guard to regulate vessels under tonnages assigned using the system of the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969, at the vessel owner's request. This rulemaking provides for optional use of an alternative approach to meet an existing requirement, and there is no mandatory cost to the public.

The final rule and related materials may be reviewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number: USCG-2011-0966.

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