



U.S. COAST GUARD EIGHTH DISTRICT



LABELING FOR LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT ON FLOATING OCS FACILITIES AND MANNED PLATFORMS

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I recently reconsidered deficiencies issued to Floating OCS Facilities related to labeling requirements for Coast Guard approved lifesaving equipment. While they were valid, I chose to rescind them and remind operators of lifesaving equipment labeling requirements prior to issuing further deficiencies.

33 CFR 143.120(b), 33 CFR 144.01, 46 CFR 108 and 46 CFR 160 require labeling of approved lifesaving equipment on Floating OCS Facilities and Manned Platforms (hereby "facilities"). Detailed information can be found on the USCG Maritime Information Exchange Approved Equipment List at <https://cgmix.uscg.mil/Equipment/EquipmentSearch.aspx>. While the requirement is administrative in nature, it is intended to provide quality control and improve safety.

Facilities outfitted with Coast Guard approved lifesaving equipment are reminded of labeling requirements in 46 CFR 160. In general labeling must be permanently affixed in a conspicuous place and sufficiently durable to withstand continuous exposure to environmental conditions. If a label is missing or damaged and no longer legible, offshore operators should contact the Original Equipment Manufacturer to obtain a replacement. Facility operators should not manufacture labels.

I request facility operators inspect labeling on Coast Guard approved lifesaving equipment. Beginning 08 January 2018, Coast Guard inspectors may issue deficiencies to operators of facilities with missing or damaged labeling. Those operators that have identified this as a non-conformity through their safety and environmental management program and initiated corrective action should not receive a deficiency.

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