



U.S. COAST GUARD EIGHTH DISTRICT  
GULF OF MEXICO OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF  
MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN  
EXTENSION OF THIRD PARTY SURVEYS



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In light of the ongoing impacts of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), and to help minimize the possible spread of the virus offshore, the Coast Guard D8 Outer Continental Shelf OCMI is allowing operators to self-extend expiration dates through July 31, 2020 for third party surveys that are normally conducted offshore. This extension only applies to CG regulated systems and includes those inspections related to firefighting and lifesaving equipment, as well as those parts of crane testing reviewed by the Coast Guard. Operators are expected to continue performing maintenance and inspections that would regularly be completed by the crew onboard the facility.

It should be noted that this extension does not apply to any system regulated by any other Government Organization and it is not applicable to units that are subject to the Convention for the Safety of Life At Sea (SOLAS) or the International MODU Code. For these vessels it is recommended that you contact your Flag State for direction on this type extension. Any questions regarding this bulletin should be sent to [ocscorrespondence@uscg.mil](mailto:ocscorrespondence@uscg.mil) or LCDR Mickey Dougherty at 504-671-2106.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R E Holmes".

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