



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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NTVRP Interim Operating Authorizations – Limited Extensions

As discussed in MSIB 08-14, issued on June 9, 2014, the Coast Guard stated its intention not to issue blanket extensions to Interim Operating Authorization (IOA) letters due to expire on July 31st. Due to numerous complexities, about 925 plans still have not received full plan approval and their IOAs will expire on July 31st. Therefore, we intend to grant a 3 month extension of IOAs for nontank vessels that have submitted a vessel response plan, which includes a pre-fire plan approved by the identified salvage and marine fire fighting organization when required.

As mentioned in MSIB 08-14, it is highly recommended that vessel owners or operators submit required pre-fire plan documentation to their salvage and marine fire fighting resource provider as soon as possible to allow them adequate time to review and forward to the Coast Guard for approval.

Vessel owners or operators who do not provide to the Coast Guard an approved pre-fire plan, if required, risk expiration of their vessel's IOA and subsequent control actions against their vessels beginning on August 1, 2014, or upon entry into U.S. waters thereafter.

Additional questions regarding this matter should be forwarded to the Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance, VRP Program by email at vrp@uscg.mil.