



Operator Readiness

Cybersecurity assessment and plan submission

July 16, 2027: assessment and plan submission

For covered operators, complete the cybersecurity assessment and submit the Cybersecurity Plan to the Coast Guard for review and approval by this date. Confirm applicability first. Begin preparation now to leave time for vendor coordination, actions and plan development.

- ☐ **Confirm scope.** Identify the covered vessels and facilities, applicable requirements and any existing waiver issues.
- ☐ **Assign responsibility.** Identify the lead and CySO arrangement; define responsibilities and coordination with vessel personnel, IT providers and vendors.
- ☐ **Map the systems.** Gather inventories of information technology (IT) and operational technology (OT), network maps, critical dependencies and remote-access arrangements.
- ☐ **Conduct the assessment.** Identify risks and vulnerabilities. Document findings, actions, responsible owners and priorities.
- ☐ **Develop and review the plan.** Use the assessment to organize controls, response arrangements, responsibilities, records and maintenance of the program.
- ☐ **Submit ahead of the deadline.** Allow time for internal review and submission coordination. The deadline is for submission, not a promise of approval by that date.

Maintain the program

Personnel training already has compliance requirements, including annual refreshers. Confirm coverage and records now. Cybersecurity assessments are required annually after the initial assessment and sooner following a change in ownership.

Your working plan

Lead / responsible owner _____

Target assessment date _____

Target submission date _____

Official source: 33 CFR 101.605 - Applicability

Official source: 33 CFR 101.650 - Assessment, training and other measures

Official source: 33 CFR 101.655 - Plan submission deadline

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Repowering funding and your next operating milestone

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Questions are due November 24, 2026. Marine engines may qualify, subject to project requirements. State-administered opportunities have separate schedules. Private operators generally need an eligible public or nonprofit applicant partner for the National competition.

- ☐ **Establish eligibility and the applicant route.** Identify the eligible applicant, partner responsibilities and any required registrations.
- ☐ **Gather the project facts.** Organize engine specifications, operating records, replacement proposals, vessel information and project timing.
- ☐ **Build the budget.** Coordinate estimates, funding needs, matching funds and supporting commitments.
- ☐ **Prepare the application.** Assign owners to the narrative, technical information and supporting documents. Check registration and submission readiness early.

Readiness around your operating calendar

These lead times are recommendations for planning, not regulatory deadlines. Confirm the actual schedule and requirements for each vessel.

- ☐ **Inspection / COI: ideally 60-90 days ahead.** Review records, drills, findings and the people responsible for closing gaps.
- ☐ **Yard period: ideally 3-6 months ahead.** Define scope, coordinate inspection needs and prepare for return to service.
- ☐ **Peak season: ideally 60-120 days ahead.** Review qualifications, onboarding, drills and supervisory capacity.
- ☐ **CARB reporting: March 31 annually for covered harbor craft.** Gather fleet and engine records early. Check separate engine deadlines and extension expiries.

What is your next deadline or operating milestone?

Official source: EPA DERA National program

Official source: CARB Commercial Harbor Craft reporting requirements

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