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**US EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) Vessel General Permit – Policy Letter**

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The 2013 VGP (Vessel General Permit) will not be reissued prior to its December 18, 2018 expiration date, but will be administratively continued and remain in effect until a new permit is issued.

Owners/operators of vessels operating under the administratively continued permit are expected to comply with the terms and conditions of that permit. EPA stands ready to assist those applying for VGP and will continue its work on reissuing the permit, with a targeted timeframe of permit proposal in spring 2019.

For vessels covered by the permit as of December 18, 2018: Coverage will continue.

We recommend owners/operators of vessels double-check that their vessels have active Notices of Intent (NOIs) or Permit Authorization and Record of Inspection (PARI), as appropriate, prior to the December 18, 2018 permit expiration date.

Updates to any NOIs submitted prior to December 18, 2018 (e.g., updates to owner/operator information) can still be made after December 18, 2018.

For vessels currently without permit coverage: Because coverage under the VGP cannot be obtained after the permit's expiration date, EPA strongly encourages owners/operators of eligible vessels currently without permit coverage to seek it prior to December 18, 2018.

Such eligible vessels include vessels that are currently under construction or that have not previously operated in US waters.

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