

§ 150.407

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(d) Each submarine hose in the SPM-OTS of that OTS has been visually examined in place for evidence of external flaws as described in paragraph (b)(3) of this section since the last time sea conditions at the deepwater port required shutdown of oil transfer operations.

§ 150.407 Periodic tests and inspections: discharge containment equipment.

No person may transfer oil at a deepwater port unless the discharge containment equipment required by Part 149 of this chapter is tested and inspected as follows:

(a) Within the five months immediately preceding the month during which oil transfer operations are to be conducted at a deepwater port, a visual examination must have been performed to determine whether there existed any conditions that might impair the effectiveness of the equipment in performing its intended function. This visual examination must include the condition of such items as fabric and fabric coatings, seams and bonding points, metal hardware parts, shackles, fittings, towing and other lines, cables, flotation devices, inflation mechanisms, and any other components integral to the equipment.

(b) Within the 11 months immediately preceding the month during which oil transfer operations are to be conducted at a deepwater port, representative pieces or sections of the containment equipment must:

(1) Have been deployed under simulated discharge conditions and the integrity of equipment strength members, containment skirt, flotation devices, and any other design performance factors of the equipment tested; or

(2) Have been deployed under actual discharge conditions.

§ 150.409 Periodic tests and inspections: removal material and equipment.

No person may transfer oil at a deepwater port unless the removal material and equipment required by Part 149 of this chapter is tested and inspected as follows:

(a) Within the two months immediately preceding the month during which oil transfer operations are to be conducted at a deepwater port, any machinery, pumps, hydraulic parts, and other operating features of removal equipment must have been visually examined and operated in accordance with the instructions of the manufacturer.

(b) Within the 11 months immediately preceding the month during which oil transfer operations are to be conducted at a deepwater port, the removal equipment must have been tested in conjunction with the containment equipment deployment required by § 150.407(b).

§ 150.411 Repair or replacement of equipment.

(a) Whenever any component of a deepwater port that affects the safety or integrity of the oil transfer operation is found to be inoperative or otherwise defective, the licensee shall replace or repair the component before further oil transfer operations are undertaken using the affected OTS. The repaired or replaced component must meet or exceed the original specifications.

(b) Whenever an item of discharge containment and removal material or equipment required by § 149.319 of this chapter is found to be inoperative or otherwise defective, the licensee shall replace or repair the item before further oil transfer operations are undertaken. The repaired or replaced item must meet or exceed the original specifications.

§ 150.413 Requirements for oil transfer.

No person may transfer oil through an OTS unless:

(a) Before connecting the hose string to the vessel manifold at the start of each oil transfer operation, it is determined by in-place visual examination that the hose string in use for that transfer operation has no leakage, loose covers, kinks, bulges, soft spots, and no gouges, cuts, or slashes that penetrate the hose reinforcement;

(b) During each oil transfer operation, it is determined by visual examination that the hose string in use for that transfer operation has no leakage;

(c) The vessel's mooring attachment to the SPM is strong enough to hold in all expected conditions of surge, current, and weather;

(d) Oil transfer hoses are long enough to allow the vessel to move to the limits of its mooring attachment to the SPM without placing strain on the hoses;

(e) Each oil transfer hose is supported in a manner that prevents strain on its coupling;

(f) Each part of the OTS necessary to allow the flow of oil is lined up for the transfer;

(g) Each part of the OTS not necessary for the transfer operation is securely blanked or shut off;

(h) Except when used to receive or discharge ballast, each overboard discharge or sea suction valve that is connected to the vessel's oil transfer, ballast, or cargo tank systems is sealed, lashed, or locked in the closed position;

(i) Each connection in the OTS meets the requirements of §150.415;

(j) The discharge containment and removal material and equipment required by §149.319 of this chapter is in place;

(k) Each scupper and overboard drain on the vessel is closed;

(l) Any continuing loss of oil from the coupling at the vessel manifold does not overflow the drip pan under the manifold;

(m) The communications equipment required by §149.317 of this chapter is operative for the transfer operation;

(n) The emergency means of shutdown required by Part 149 of this chapter is in position and operative;

(o) The Cargo Transfer Supervisor, Cargo Transfer Assistant, and any other designated personnel are on duty and present to conduct the transfer operations in accordance with the Operations Manual and with the oil transfer procedures that apply to the vessel during the transfer operation;

(p) The vessel's officer in charge of cargo transfer and the Cargo Transfer Assistant have held a conference and each understands the following details of the transfer operations:

(1) The identity of the product to be transferred.

(2) The sequence of transfer operations.

(3) The transfer rate.

(4) The name or title and location of each person participating in the transfer operation.

(5) Particulars of the transferring and receiving systems.

(6) Critical stages of the transfer operation.

(7) Federal regulations that apply to the transfer of oil.

(8) Emergency procedures.

(9) Discharge containment procedures.

(10) Discharge reporting procedures.

(11) Watch or shift arrangement.

(12) Transfer shutdown procedures;

(q) The vessel's officer in charge of cargo transfer and the Cargo Transfer Assistant agree to begin the transfer operation;

(r) Flame screens are structurally sound and securely fastened in place in all cargo tank vents and ullage holes on the vessel; and

(s) The declaration of inspection required by §150.417 is executed.

§ 150.415 Requirements for connections.

(a) The licensee shall provide suitable adaptors, to allow connection of the hose string to a vessel manifold, that meet any one of the following flange standards:

(1) American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

(2) British Standard (BS).

(3) German Standard (DIN).

(4) Japanese Industrial Standard (JIS).

(5) Universal Metric Standard.

(b) Each temporary connection between the hose string and a vessel manifold must:

(1) Be made using either:

(i) A bolted coupling; or

(ii) A quick-connect coupling approved under §156.130(c)(2) of this chapter;

(2) Have suitable materials in joints and couplings to make a tight seal;

(3) If using an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standard bolted flange coupling, have a bolt in