

TABLE 150.345(A)—REGULATED VESSEL ACTIVITIES AT DEEPWATER PORTS—Continued

Regulated vessel activities	Safety zone		
	Areas to be avoided around each PPC and SPM <sup>1</sup>	Anchorage area	Remaining portion of safety zone
Fishing, including bottom trawl (shrimping) .....	N	P	P
Mobile drilling operations of erection of structures <sup>2</sup> .....	N	N	N
Lightering/transshipment <sup>3</sup> .....	N	N	N

<sup>1</sup>The radius of areas to be avoided around each PPC is 600 meters and around each SPM is 500 meters.

<sup>2</sup>Not part of Port Installation.

<sup>3</sup>Exception, 33 CFR 150.423(e).

NOTE: The person in charge of any vessel planning to enter a safety zone should contact the port Vessel Traffic Supervisor on Ch. 10 VHF-FM before entry and comply with that person's instructions.

Key to regulated activities: F—Force majeure. N—Not permitted. C—Tankers calling at port and support vessel movements: Permitted when cleared by vessel traffic supervisor. P—Vessels other than tankers or support vessels: Permitted when not in immediate area in tanker, clearance by vessel traffic supervisor required. Communications with vessel traffic supervisor required. For transiting foreign flag vessels, the requirement for clearance to enter the safety zone is advisory in nature.

(b) A deepwater port licensee shall obtain the permission of the Captain of the Port having jurisdiction over that licensee's port before allowing any vessel activity at the port which is not listed in Table 150.345(a) or otherwise provided for in this subpart.

**Subpart D—Oil Transfer Operations**

**§ 150.400 Applicability.**

This subpart prescribes rules that apply to the transfer of oil at a deepwater port.

**§ 150.403 Definitions.**

As used in this subpart:

*Hose string*, both floating and float/sink type, means that portion of an SPM-OTS consisting of flexible hose which connects the vessel's manifold to the SPM.

*OTS* means an oil transfer system of a deepwater port and includes the SPM-OTS and the undersea pipeline running from the PLEM to the onshore terminal.

*PLEM* means pipeline and manifold at the SPM.

*Single Point Mooring (SPM)* means an offshore berth which provides a link between the undersea pipeline and a moored vessel for the transfer of oil and to which the vessel can be secured and can weathervane during the oil transfer.

*SPM-OTS* means that portion of an OTS from the PLEM to the end of the hose string that connects to the manifold on the vessel.

**§ 150.405 Periodic tests and inspections: OTS components.**

No person may transfer oil through an OTS at a deepwater port unless:

(a) The SPM-OTS of the OTS has been tested and inspected as required for maintenance of class in accordance with the Rules for Building and Classing Single Point Moorings published by the American Bureau of Shipping;

(b) Each oil transfer hose in the SPM-OTS of the OTS in which the maximum pressure rating of the manufacturer has been exceeded, except when exceeded for testing required by this section, has, since the pressure was exceeded, been:

- (1) Removed;
- (2) Hydrostatically tested to 1.5 times its maximum working pressure; and
- (3) Visually examined externally and internally for evidence of leakage, loose covers, kinks, bulges, soft spots, and gouges, cuts, or slashes that penetrate the hose reinforcement;

(c) Within the 23 months immediately preceding the month during which oil transfer operations are to be conducted, each submarine hose in the SPM-OTS of the OTS has been removed from the ends of each submarine coupling, surfaced, and visually examined externally and internally for evidence of flaws as described in paragraph (b)(3) of this section and hydrostatically tested to 1.5 times its maximum working pressure; and