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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;