

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY U.S. COAST GUARD	REQUEST FOR DESIGNATION AND EXEMPTION OF OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH VESSELS	OMB No. 1625-0014 Exp: mm/dd/yyyy
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Who must comply?	Owners or operators of vessels.
What is this collection about?	This information is used by the Coast Guard's (CG) Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI) to determine: 1) if a vessel can be designated as an Oceanographic Research Vessel (ORV); and 2) can be exempted from specific inspection and/or manning requirements.
Where do I find the requirements for this information?	Title 46 CFR Parts 3 and 14, are available at— http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov , select TITLE 46 – SHIPPING, and follow to Parts 3 and 14 respectively.
When must information be submitted to the Coast Guard?	For a vessel seeking an initial designation as an ORV, the information must be submitted to the CG before a determination can be made. For a vessel that has previously been designated an ORV and seeks a renewal of the designation, the information must be submitted at least 60 days prior to the expiration date of the Letter of Designation or Certificate of Inspection.
How is the information submitted?	In writing or electronically to the OCMI.
What happens when complete information is received?	The CG will review the information and determine if a vessel is eligible to receive a designation as an ORV. If it qualifies, an ORV will receive— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a Letter of Designation (if an uninspected vessel); or • a designation on its Certificate of Inspection (if an inspected vessel). A Letter of Designation is valid for two years and a Certificate of Inspection is valid for five years.
For additional information, contact--	Your local CG Sector Office. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A list of Coast Guard sectors, as part of a comprehensive list of Coast Guard units, can be found at http://www.uscg.mil/top/units/.

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