

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY U.S. COAST GUARD	Ballast Water Management for Vessels with Ballast Tanks Entering U.S. Waters	OMB No. 1625-0069 Exp: 02/29/2012
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<b>Who must comply?</b>	Owners and operators of certain vessels.
<b>What is this collection about?</b>	The information is needed to ensure that a vessel complies with the ballast water management (BWM) regulations prior to entry into U.S. waters from beyond the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) (i.e., 200 mile limit).
<b>Where do I find the requirements for this information?</b>	Title 33 CFR 151, is available at— <a href="http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov">http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov</a> , select TITLE 33 – NAVIGATION AND NAVIGABLE WATERS, and follow to Part 151, subparts C & D.
<b>When must information be submitted to the Coast Guard?</b>	In general, you must submit BWM information at least 24 hour prior to entry into the U.S. For a voyage of less than 24 hour, you must submit the information before you depart on your voyage. For an owner/operator of a vessel seeking a ballast water discharge standards (BWDS) compliance extension request, at least 12 months before the implementation date.
<b>How is the information submitted?</b>	The BWM information may be submitted by one for four methods—by mail, or electronically via an on-line form, e-mail or fax. For details, go to <a href="http://invasions.si.edu/nbic/">http://invasions.si.edu/nbic/</a> . The BWDS extension request, may be submitted by mail or electronically via e-mail. For details, see below.
<b>What happens when complete information is received?</b>	The information is used by the Coast Guard (CG) to analyze the BWM practices of commercial ships that operate in the waters of the United States.
<b>For additional information, contact--</b>	<p>For BWM, contact your local CG Sector Office or the National Ballast Information Clearinghouse (NBIC).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A list of CG sectors, as part of a comprehensive list of Coast Guard units, can be found at <a href="http://www.uscg.mil/top/units/">http://www.uscg.mil/top/units/</a>.</li> <li>• The NBIC is at <a href="http://invasions.si.edu/nbic/">http://invasions.si.edu/nbic/</a>. If an answer to your question is not in the FAQs, any further inquiries should be directed to: <a href="mailto:nbic@ballastreport.org">nbic@ballastreport.org</a>.</li> </ul> <p>For BWDS, contact— <a href="mailto:environmental.standards@uscg.mil">environmental.standards@uscg.mil</a> or Commandant (CG-522), 2100 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SW Stop 7251, Washington, DC 20593-7251.</p>

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

The Coast Guard estimates that the average burden per response for this report varies per information collection—about 40 minutes for a BWM report; and up to 8 hours for a BWDS compliance extension request. You may submit any comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate or any suggestions for reducing the burden to: Commandant (CG-5224), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SW Stop 7251, Washington D.C. 20593-7251 or Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (1625-0069), Washington, DC 20503.