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| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY U.S. COAST GUARD | Request for Designation and Exemption of Oceanographic Research Vessels | OMB No. 1625- 0014 Exp: 04/30/2022 |
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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— https://www.eCFR.gov , select TITLE 46 – SHIPPING, and follow to Parts 3 and 14 (Subpart D) 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? | By mail, fax or electronically submitted via e-mail to the OCMI. A list of Coast Guard sectors, as part of a comprehensive list of Coast Guard units, can be found at: https://www.uscg.mil/Units/Organization/ . |
| What happens when complete information is received? | <p>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 —</p> <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). <p>A Letter of Designation is valid for two years and a Certificate of Inspection is valid for five years.</p> |
| For additional information, contact-- | <p>Your local CG Sector Office.</p> <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 https://www.uscg.mil/Units/Organization/. |

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