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| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITYU.S. COAST GUARD | Request for Designation and Exemption of Oceanographic Research Vessels  | OMB No. 1625-0014Exp: 03/31/2025 |

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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?** | 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—* 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. * 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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