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The US Coast Guard released the Commandant's **Final Action Memo** regarding the loss of El Faro with 33 persons on board. The Commandant found that the primary cause of the casualty was the decision to navigate the ship too close to the path of Hurricane Joaquin. Contributing factors included: (1) an ineffective safety management system within the operating company, TOTE Services, Incorporated; (2) American Bureau of Shipping's failure to uncover or otherwise resolve longstanding deficiencies that adversely affected the safety and seaworthiness of vessels on multiple occasions; and (3) failure of the Coast Guard to adequately oversee the third party in this case. The investigation also revealed that the Coast Guard has not sustained the proficiency and policy framework of the Alternate Compliance Program (ACP) in general. (12/19/17)

[<https://media.defense.gov/2017/Dec/21/2001859858/-1/-1/o/EL%20FARO%20FINAL%20ACTION%20MEMO.PDF>].

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