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EPA – 2013 VGP continued indefinitely;
USCG – Alternative Compliance Program; and
USCG – Maritime Commerce Strategic Outlook.

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EPA – 2013 VGP continued indefinitely



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an **Update** stating that the 2013 Vessel General Permit (VGP) will not be reissued prior to its 18 December 2018 expiration date, but will be administratively continued and remain in effect until a new permit is issued. Owners and operators of vessels operating under the administratively continued permit are expected to comply with the terms and conditions of that permit until the new permit is issued and enters into effect. (10/10/18) [<https://www.epa.gov/npdes/vessels-vgp>].

USCG – Alternative Compliance Program



The US Coast Guard issued Change 3 to Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) 02-95, the Alternative Compliance Program (ACP). The primary purpose of the change is to align the ACP with applicable IMO instruments. Additionally, the change incorporates various policies and related provisions consistent with the Commandant's Final Action Memo on the sinking of the SS El Faro. **NVIC 02-95, CH-3** (10/2/18)

[<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/5ps/NVIC/1995/n2-95ch3.pdf>].

USCG – Maritime Commerce Strategic Outlook



The US Coast Guard issued its **Maritime Commerce Strategic Outlook**. The document outlines the Commandant's long-term vision to support and grow maritime commerce in the United States. The three major elements of the policy are: (1) facilitation of lawful trade and travel on secure waterways; (2) modernization of aids to navigation and other mariner information systems; and (3) transformation of workforce capacity and partnerships. (10/11/18)

[<https://media.defense.gov/2018/Oct/05/2002049100/-1/-1/1/USCG%20MARITIME%20COMMERCE%20STRATEGIC%20OUTLOOK-RELEASABLE.PDF>].

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