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Subj: EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE FOR APPROVED BALLAST  
WATER MANAGEMENT METHODS

This letter is to update vessel details and company information to reflect new ownership and to re-issue your extension to the compliance date of the ballast water management implementation schedule in Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 151, Subparts C and D for the listed vessel.

<b>Name of Vessel:</b>	VIGOROUS
<b>IMO or Vessel Number:</b>	9546239
<b>Original Compliance Date:</b>	May 15, 2018
<b>Extended Compliance Date:</b>	May 1, 2023

#### **Basis for Decision**

This extension is granted in accordance with 33 CFR Part 151, Subparts C and D, because the master, owner, operator, agent, or person in charge of a vessel has documented that, despite all efforts, compliance with the requirement under 33 CFR 151.1510 or 151.2025 is not possible by the vessel's compliance date.

In determining the length of the extension, the Coast Guard recognizes that installation of a BWMS may not require the actual drydocking of a vessel and may be accomplished while dockside or underway. After the extended compliance date has passed, the vessel must be in compliance with the requirement.

During the extension period, the master, owner, operator, agent, or person in charge of the vessel must in accordance with Coast Guard regulations:

1. Perform complete ballast water exchange in an area 200 nautical miles from any shore prior to discharging ballast water into the waters of the United States, unless the provisions of 33 CFR 151.2040 apply, or otherwise if so required by a U.S. state;
2. Adhere to the ballast water management plan;
3. Adhere to recordkeeping and reporting provisions; and
4. Comply with all other applicable ballast water requirements.

This letter does not affect or supersede any requirement or prohibition pertaining to the discharge of ballast water into the waters of the United States under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 to 1376), including those associated provisions of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Vessel General Permit (VGP), or U.S. state law.

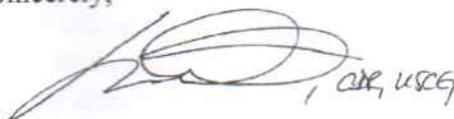
It has been a priority of the Coast Guard and the EPA to maximize, as appropriate, the consistency between the EPA's ballast water discharge requirements under the Clean Water Act (CWA) VGP and the Coast Guard requirements under the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act/ National Invasive Species Act (NANPCA/NISA).

The EPA has issued an enforcement response policy that addresses this extension, at [www.epa.gov/npdes/vessels](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/vessels). Please direct all inquiries on the VGP to: [VGP@epa.gov](mailto:VGP@epa.gov).

A copy of this letter shall be kept onboard the vessel and made available to Coast Guard vessel inspectors and port state control officers, as well as other federal, state, and local officials with jurisdiction over ballast water discharges into waters of the U.S.

Please continue to use this office's general email address at [environmental\\_standards@uscg.mil](mailto:environmental_standards@uscg.mil) and refer to the most current BWM Program information on the Coast Guard's Internet portal at <http://www.dco.uscg.mil/OES>.

Sincerely,



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