

Thirteenth Coast Guard District

While we appreciate the opportunity to comment, we are concerned that the Thirteenth Coast Guard District did not receive official notification of the proposed rule until September 16, 2019, less than three weeks before the due date for comments, Oct 6th. This is despite the fact that the proposed rule published August 7th. The USCG is the Federal lead on oil spill response and planning and our ability to meet this important role is supported by our state partners and our on-going collaboration and coordination. Our initial concern is the proposed WA state regulations may interfere with federal preemption in respect to ACP approval and development (ref: 40CFR300.210(c)). The Coast Guard will do a thorough review of the proposal and will provide comments accordingly.