

## **Ballast Water Management (BWM) Equivalent Reporting Program Application**

The U.S. Coast Guard's Equivalent Reporting Program offers an alternative for an Owner, Operator, Master, Agent, Person-in-Charge or Charterer to submit required Ballast Water Management (BWM) Reports in a single batch report on a monthly basis, instead of on a port-to-port, pre-arrival schedule as required under 33 CFR 151.2041(b).

This application must be completed and submitted as an e-mail attachment to the Coast Guard's Environmental Standards Division (G-MSO-4) via the following e-mail address: [environmentalstandards@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:environmentalstandards@comdt.uscg.mil). Applicants may be vessel Owners, Operators, Masters, Agents, Persons-in-Charge, Charterers or other responsible parties. All applicants will receive a reply e-mail from the Coast Guard indicating whether or not they are accepted into the Equivalent Reporting Program. Following acceptance, vessel-specific BWM Equivalent Reporting Forms will be e-mailed directly from the National Ballast Information Clearinghouse (NBIC) to the point of contact listed for each vessel in the application. The vessel-specific form is designed to be reused by the submitter and will be the only format accepted by the NBIC.

All vessel ballast water reports must continue to be submitted under 33 CFR 151.2041(b) until the month after the applicant has received a vessel-specific BWM Equivalent Reporting Form from NBIC for each vessel listed in the application. Once in the program, completed BWM Equivalent Reporting Forms are to be directly submitted to the NBIC ([monthly@ballastreport.org](mailto:monthly@ballastreport.org)) monthly, on or before the designated due date for each vessel or fleet of vessels. If any of the information in this application changes, a new application must be filed.

Check the Appropriate Boxes:

This is an initial application; or  
This is a revised application submitted for the following reason:

The vessel[s] listed below should be considered individually, based on the estimated number of ballast water reports (33 CFR 151.2041(a)) exceeding 10 per month; or  
The vessels listed below should be considered together as a fleet with the same owner, based on the number of combined ballast water reports (33 CFR 151.2041(a)) of the fleet exceeding 50 per month.

The vessel[s] listed in this application operate exclusively within the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) or Canadian equivalent.

### **Owner Information**

Vessel[s] Owner:

Address:

City:

State:

Name of person submitting application:

Title:

Company/Organization:

E-mail address:

Area Code & Telephone Number:

**Vessel-Specific Information**

Vessel Name:

Vessel Official Number:

Owner:

Type of Vessel:

Gross Tonnage:

Call Sign (if applicable):

Flag:

Total Ballast Water Capacity of Vessel:

Units:

Total Number of Ballast Tanks/Holds on the Vessel:

Estimated number of ballast water reports the vessel makes per month:

**\* Point of Contact for the BWM Equivalent Reporting Form**

Name:

Company/Organization:

E-mail address:

Area Code &amp; Telephone Number:

Person represents:

Location where BWM Records are kept:

**\* Point of Contact for the BWM Equivalent Reporting Form**

*Provide the contact information of a company or vessel representative that can be consistently reached by the National Ballast Information Clearinghouse or U.S. Coast Guard regarding this vessel's BWM Equivalent Reporting Form. The National Ballast Information Clearinghouse will provide this person with a vessel-specific BWM Equivalent Reporting Form and his or her name will appear as a point of contact at the top of each form submitted for this vessel. The point of contact need not be the person submitting the form each month, however the point of contact must be capable of contacting the person submitting the form and providing him or her with the vessel-specific BWM Equivalent Reporting Form or any other e-mail attachments distributed by the National Ballast Information Clearinghouse or U.S. Coast Guard.*

**Total estimated number of all ballast water reports per month:**