

Ballast Water Management (BWM) Equivalent Reporting Program Application

The U.S. Coast Guard's Equivalent Reporting Program (ERP) offers an alternative for an Owner, Operator, Master, Agent, Person-in-Charge or Charterer to submit required Ballast Water Management (BWM) Reports on a monthly basis, instead of on a port-to-port, pre-arrival schedule as required under 33 CFR 151.2060(b).

This application must be completed and submitted as an e-mail attachment to the Coast Guard's Environmental Standards Division (CG-OES-3) via the following e-mail address: environmental_standards@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, the National Ballast Information Clearinghouse (NBIC) will prepare an on-line account for the user(s) to submit BWMRs for their vessel(s). Note: ERP reporting will require internet access and a web browser.

Vessels must continue to submit individual Ballast Water Management Reports for all qualifying voyages, as described under 33 CFR 151.2060(b), prior to their ERP on-line account activation by NBIC. All BWMRs for voyages made by a vessel or a fleet of vessels for a given calendar month must be submitted by the account holder on or before 5 PM eastern time on the 10th of the following month. 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 151.2060(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 151.2060(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 and zip code:

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):

Country of registration:

Total ballast water capacity of vessel:

Ballast water volume units:

Total number of ballast tanks/holds on the vessel:

USCG authorized name of Alternative Management System
on board, if any:

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

* Point of Contact for the BWM ERP account

Name:

Company/organization:

E-mail address:

Area code & telephone number:

Person represents:

Location where BWM records are kept:

* **Point of Contact for the BWM ERP account**

Provide the contact information of a company or vessel representative that can be reached by the National Ballast Information Clearinghouse or U.S. Coast Guard regarding this vessel's BWM ERP account.

Total estimated number of all ballast water reports per month:

Vessel-Specific Information

Vessel name:

Vessel official number:

Owner:

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Gross tonnage:

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