

# Republic of the Marshall Islands

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### MARINE SAFETY ADVISORY No. 03-19

**To: Owners/Operators, Masters, Nautical Inspectors, Recognized Organizations**

**Subject: REMINDER - ANY REVISION TO THE APPROVED VESSEL RESPONSE PLAN MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE US VRP PROGRAM FOR APPROVAL**

**Date: 24 January 2019**

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) is reminding Owners and Operators of vessels transiting US waters that any revisions or amendments to an approved response plan must be submitted to the Vessel Response Plan (VRP) Program for approval whenever there is a change in the identification of response related resources, *including* changes to Salvage and Marine Firefighting (SMFF) core Geographic Specific Appendices (GSAs).

Owners or Operators must revise their VRP to reflect the current date and revision number of their contracted SMFF resource provider's accepted core GSAs. Note that SMFF core GSA revision information may be provided in the record of changes or in the cover letter/certification statement, provided that the text of the GSA section of the VRP indicates where the SMFF core GSA version and date information may be found.

The USCG maintains [current SMFF core GSA information](#) on their website.

For additional information on the USCG VRP Program please contact [vrp@uscg.mil](mailto:vrp@uscg.mil).

This MSA expires one (1) year after its issuance, unless otherwise noted, extended, superseded, or revoked.