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**Attn: Clients and Brokers**

**CIRCULAR – USCG NPFC ECOFR website and COFR processing notice**

We would like to inform you that on August 7th, 2024, the U.S. Coast Guard's National Pollution Funds Center (NPFC) notified Shoreline of disruptions to their standard Certificate of Financial Responsibility (COFR) processing procedures. These disruptions are due to online security concerns that have been ongoing since August 3rd, 2024.

On August 8th, 2024, we were further advised that the ability to search for vessel COFR information via the ECOFR website has been temporarily disabled. However, a temporary webpage has been established where users can search for COFR information alphabetically by vessel name. This temporary resource can be accessed here: [ECOFR Active Vessel Status \(uscg.mil\)](https://uscg.mil) . The page will be updated each afternoon from Monday through Friday until further notice.

Please note the following:


- **COFR Applications:** Users can still apply for, renew, and amend active COFRs via the current ECOFR site: [ECOFR Application Site](#) .
- **Payments:** Users can continue to make payments for COFRs as usual.
- **Documentation:** While attachments cannot currently be sent through the ECOFR website, the person assigned to the operator's file will reach out directly to applicants regarding any missing documentation.

Due to these temporary measures, we anticipate that the processing of COFR applications may take longer than usual. The NPFC has informed us that they hope to launch their new ECOFR system by November 2024.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time as the USCG prioritizes internet security and the protection of your commercially sensitive data. We are confident that these necessary precautions will ultimately lead to a more secure and efficient system.

Thank you for your continued trust in Shoreline.

Yours sincerely,



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