


## **COMPLIANCE WITH STATE REQUIREMENTS IN THE GULF OF MEXICO (GoM)**

<b>TEXAS</b>	<p>Vessels entering Texas Coastal Waters must provide the following information to the Texas General Land Office (TGLO), via their Web Based Vessel Information Entry Site (On-line Vessel Database) at: <a href="http://www.glo.texas.gov/coast/oil-spill/vessel-registration-search/vessel-registration/index.cfm">http://www.glo.texas.gov/coast/oil-spill/vessel-registration-search/vessel-registration/index.cfm</a></p>	
<p><i>O'Brien's automatically enrolls each vessel active in your VRP/NTVRP into this database. Login information for your company can be found on the Distribution Record at the bottom of the page. If you have difficulties with accessing your account, please contact us at: <a href="mailto:vesselservices@wittobriens.com">vesselservices@wittobriens.com</a>.</i></p>		
1	Login to the TGLO vessel database and confirm your vessel is registered and all of the pertinent information is accurate	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	If any of it is not or some of the information needs to be updated, either contact your assigned Client Specialist at O'Brien's or update the information using your account credentials found at the bottom of the VRP/NTVRP Distribution Record	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>The database contains the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VRP/NTVRP and SOPEP/SMPEP info</li> <li>Approval information issued by the USCG / Flag State</li> <li>Vessel Particulars Information Form</li> <li>Notification Information</li> <li>Designated Person Ashore information</li> <li>Preparedness Manager (Qualified Individual) information</li> <li>Vessel Response Organization (local OSRO in Texas)</li> </ul>		
<p><i>TGLO Inspectors are actively verifying compliance with this requirement and may issue violations with monetary penalties for vessels that call Texas ports and waters without having been registered in their database.</i></p>		
<b>SMPP</b>	<p>The TGLO allows vessel owner/operators the opportunity to certify that they are actively employing a Sound Management Practice Program (SMPP). To participate in this <b>optional</b> program the following actions are required:</p>	
1	<p><b>SMPP Form</b> – <a href="http://www.glo.texas.gov/coast/oil-spill/forms/files/smpp-form.pdf">http://www.glo.texas.gov/coast/oil-spill/forms/files/smpp-form.pdf</a></p> <p>Complete the <b>SMPP Statement of Intent</b> linked above and mail or fax it to:</p> <p>Atte: D'Anne Stites  <b>Texas General Land Office</b>  Oil Spill Prevention and Response  P.O. Box 12873  Austin, Texas 78711-2873  Fax: +1 512 475 1560  Email: <a href="mailto:oilspills@glo.texas.gov">oilspills@glo.texas.gov</a></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><i>Companies which verify that they have a SMPP in place and have an incident in Texas waters may be penalized less than those who do not have a SMPP in place.</i></p>		

<b>FLORIDA</b>	<p>Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) recently implemented new oil spill notification procedures that required the owner or operator to make several notifications to the affected local government and general public within 24 and 48 hours after a pollution incident. <i>Please note, any necessary notifications as part of incident response will be handled by your Qualified Individual (QI) with O'Brien's.</i></p> <p>Additional information is available on DEP's website - <a href="http://dep.state.fl.us/pollutionnotice/">http://dep.state.fl.us/pollutionnotice/</a></p>
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<b>OTHER</b>	<p>There are <b>no</b> additional VGP, state or local regulatory requirements for calling ports in the states of <b>Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi</b> at the present time.</p>
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