



**Towing
Vessel**

Subchapter M

M-Safe



CAN YOUR COMPANY MEET THE NEW SUBCHAPTER M TRAINING REQUIREMENTS?

AS A TOWING VESSEL OPERATOR YOU MUST MEET A NUMBER OF NEW TRAINING REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO CREW HEALTH, SAFETY AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE BY JULY 20, OF 2018.

MITAGS-PMI can help you solve the Subchapter M Puzzle

MITAGS-PMI has over 40 years of experience training and assessing mariners. When the Proposed Subchapter M rules were published in 2011, we had already been teaching safety and emergency response to towing vessel Masters and crews for over 20 years.

Drawing upon this experience and expertise, MITAGS-PMI has developed a series of training programs entitled "M-SAFE" to help Towing Vessel Operators comply with the new training requirements of Subchapter M.



M-SAFE programs are available in a variety of formats, conducted over a period of one, two or three days.

They combine classroom discussion, practical exercises, and hands-on learning using real equipment. Our instructors know the Towing industry. With that knowledge and experience, we offer industry wide content, as well as tailored presentations specific to your companies' operational activities and environment. For small companies, or individuals looking to find employment in the towing industry, we offer a generic 2-day Open-Enrollment course offered on an ongoing basis at our Seattle and Baltimore campuses.



For larger organizations, we have developed a number of customized programs based on our customers' vessel configurations and area(s) of operation. We incorporate the customers' TSMS and teach company specific procedures and terminology.

While these courses are usually presented by MITAGS- PMI Instructors; we offer the option to teach our customers' employees to present the material under license.



Training Requirements of Subchapter M

Subchapter M requires that the Towing Vessel's Master must *ensure* that the crew has the knowledge, understanding and proficiencies needed to properly:

- Abandon the vessel;
- Recover persons from the water;
- Respond to onboard fires and flooding; and
- Respond to other threats to life, property or the environment.



Occupational Health and Safety (§ 140.515)

The Towing Vessel Operator must provide all crewmembers with health and safety information and training that includes:

- Content and procedures of the owner or managing operator's health and safety plan;
- Procedures for reporting unsafe conditions;
- Proper selection and use of PPE appropriate to the vessel operation;
- Safe use of equipment including deck machinery, rigging, welding and cutting, hand tools, ladders, and abrasive wheel machinery found onboard the vessel;
- Hazard communication and cargo knowledge;
- Safe use and storage of hazardous materials and chemicals;
- Confined space entry;
- Respiratory protection; and
- Lockout/Tagout procedures.

Navigation Safety Training (§ 140.645)

Crewmembers who serve as lookouts and are not credentialed as an officer or Able Seaman must receive training to ensure that they are familiar with:

- Watchstanding terms and definitions;
- Duties of a lookout;
- Communication with other watchstanders;
- Change of watch procedures;
- Procedures for reporting other vessels or objects; and
- Watchstanding safety.



Subchapter M Closes STCW

Training Gaps for Towing Vessels

As a prudent operator, you want the best for your crew. We believe Subchapter M supports that common goal.

MITAGS-PMI wants to be your training partner. Our goal is to help ensure the competence and the effective emergency response performance of your crew.

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