



ABS Rapid Response Damage Assessment Program (RRDA) **Instructions for Validating Enrollment Status.**

This instruction applies to vessels that are ABS classed only.

(Vessel that are not classed with ABS, will be provided an RRDA Certificate valid for 12 months)

This instruction is intended to ensure that Masters, vessel managers and other parties (Port State Control Officers, Vetting Inspectors, etc.), can easily validate whether a vessel is enrolled in the ABS RRDA Program.

There are two means to confirm if a ship is enrolled in RRDA.

1. Examination of the ABS Class Certificate.

The vessel is enrolled in the RRDA program if the Class Certificate shows “RRDA” in the Additional Notations.

For example:

ADDITIONAL NOTATIONS

RRDA, BWE, CRC(I), TCM, GRAB [20]

2. Details provided in the ABS Record are available via the internet and provide reference to the RRDA notation as follows:
<https://ww2.eagle.org/> > Rules and Resources > ABS Record, Online Database > Search the Database > Enter vessel name or other search criteria > Scroll to Additional Notations.

For example:

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Further details about the RRDA service is provided in user manuals. User Manuals are available at:



<https://ww2.eagle.org> > Products and Services > Rapid Response Damage Assessment.

The ABS RRDA Program complies with the following regulations and industry guidelines:

- MARPOL Regulation 1/37(4), as circulated by resolution MEPC 117(52). All oil tankers of 5,000 tonnes deadweight or more shall have prompt access to computerized shore-based damage stability and residual structural strength calculation programs.
- MARPOL 73/78 Annex I, Regulation 37 requires a shipboard oil pollution emergency plan (SOPEP) for all tankers of 150 gross tons or more and all other vessels of 400 gross tons or more.
- US Coast Guard requirements of OPA 90 in 33 CFR 155.240 for oil tankers and offshore oil barges, in which owners are required to have “prearranged, prompt access to computerized shore-based damage stability and residual structural strength calculations.”
- The ISM Code, Section 8, requires the company to establish procedures to respond to potential emergency shipboard situations, including the use of drills and exercises to prepare for emergencies.
- OCIMF Guidelines on Capabilities of Emergency Response Providers.
- IACS Rec. No. 145 Recommendation for the Operation of Shore-Based Emergency Response Services.

Please connect with RRDA, if additional clarification is required.

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