

SUBCHAPTER M COMPLIANCE

The Preferred Solutions
Provider





ABS DELIVERS SUBCHAPTER M COMPLIANCE SOLUTIONS

ABS provides a comprehensive portfolio of safety, risk and compliance services required for Subchapter M compliance. With more than 300 surveyors and auditors and 200 engineers ready to help transition a single vessel or an entire fleet to Subchapter M compliance, our team can tailor a solution for any size organization.

Based on nearly a century of working with the United States Coast Guard (USCG), ABS has an unparalleled knowledge of its policies and practices to help find the right solution for seamless compliance. In fact, the USCG uses ABS rules as the default standard for new towing vessels, major conversions, and new installations not “replacements in kind” within Subchapter M.

COMPREHENSIVE SUBCHAPTER M COMPLIANCE SERVICES

Towboat owners and operators have multiple options for demonstrating Subchapter M compliance. Only ABS offers such a holistic approach to compliance. Our capabilities include:

- Combining classification with certification to International Safety Management Code (ISM)
- Providing all engineering and surveying services for newbuild and existing vessels, including design plan review and approval, dry dock inspection, internal structure examination and vessel survey
- Conducting third-party annual vessel inspections in combination with ISM Certification
- Training to help towing companies meet internal requirements for Towing Safety Management System (TSMS) audits, root cause analysis and other activities related to compliance
- Software solutions for implementing the required safety management system and demonstrating compliance

With our nationwide network of engineers, surveyors and auditors, including offices along all major inland waterways, ABS has the resources and flexibility to prevent delays in establishing compliance.

PROACTIVE COMPLIANCE

By proactively demonstrating compliance with Subchapter M requirements, owners and operators can show their commitment to a more comprehensive approach to safety and environmental protection. ABS is ready today to assist owners and operators interested in differentiating their vessels by surpassing minimum safety standards. We have performed a thorough gap analysis of the regulation and the recognized *ABS Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels for Service on Rivers and Intercoastal Waterways* to help vessels comply with both standards.

THE ABS ADVANTAGE FOR SUBCHAPTER M COMPLIANCE

- 150+ years of experience serving the marine industry
- 300+ surveyors and auditors, 200+ engineers and naval architects in 30 offices across the US, including 18 offices along the US Gulf of Mexico and inland waterways
- Multiple options for Subchapter M compliance services that can be tailored to your needs
- Fleet Management Software to aide in demonstrating Subchapter M Compliance
- New Towing Services Center in Paducah, Kentucky, specializing in Subchapter M Compliance

DEMONSTRATE COMPLIANCE WITH FLEET MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

We understand the challenges owners and operators face when implementing a safety management system that complies with Subchapter M. ABS Nautical Systems has long supported compliance with ISM and other safety management programs through its Fleet Management Software and has developed a solution specifically to support Subchapter M compliance. ABS Nautical Systems software unifies all core operational and compliance activities in a single workspace with simplified data entry and dashboard-generated compliance reports. ABS Nautical Systems also provides support and training to successfully implement this Subchapter M compliance solution.

THE ABS DIFFERENCE

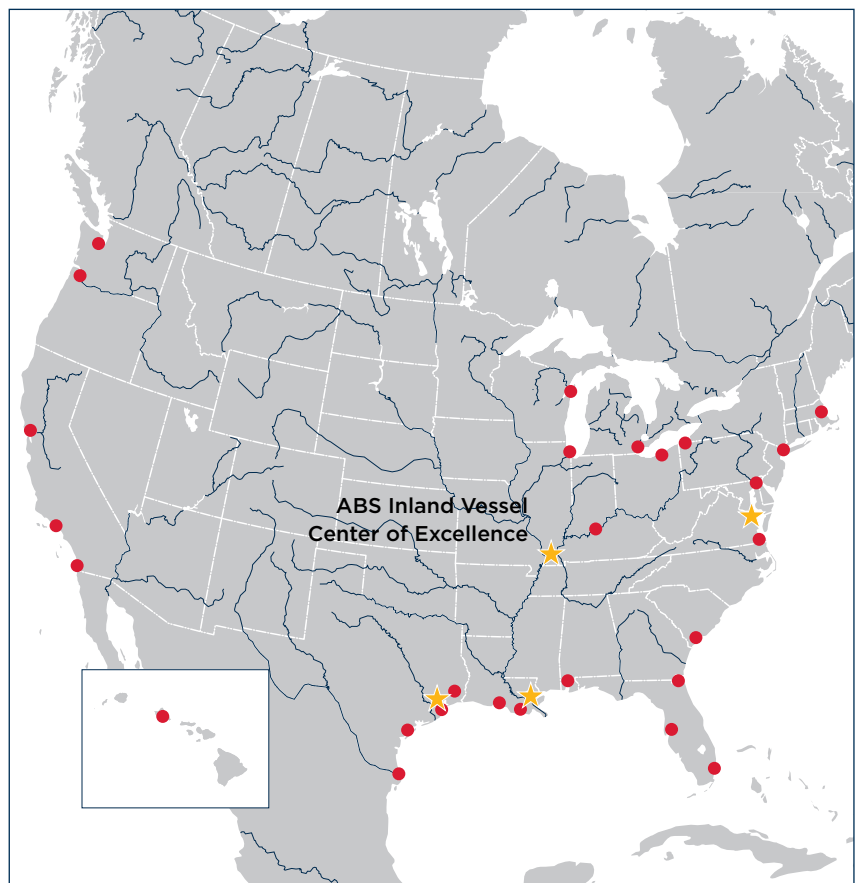
As a classification society, ABS offers an independent and uncompromised perspective on safety and environmental protection for members and clients. We provide an impartial assessment that relies on time-tested techniques, while incorporating some of today's most advanced engineering. To continually improve our knowledge, ABS makes significant investments in research and development, employee training and industry partnerships which all further the mission of ABS.

Through ABS Nautical Systems, we provide a digital platform that actively captures and manages critical compliance data to support safe and compliant operations. For more than 30 years, ABS Nautical Systems products have delivered solutions that address the critical challenges of operational efficiency and compliance in the maritime industry.

THE INDUSTRY'S MOST EXTENSIVE NETWORK

No other organization has the geographic coverage to meet the needs of the inland and intercoastal towing vessel industry as effectively as ABS. With 30 offices, more than 300 surveyors and auditors and more than 200 engineers and naval architects in the region, ABS is ready to assist owners and operators in meeting their Subchapter M compliance needs.

- ★ Engineering Support
- Survey/Inspection Support



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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact an ABS technical advisor today to discuss the unique aspects of your next project, and access ABS Rules and Guides online at www.eagle.org/SubChapterM.

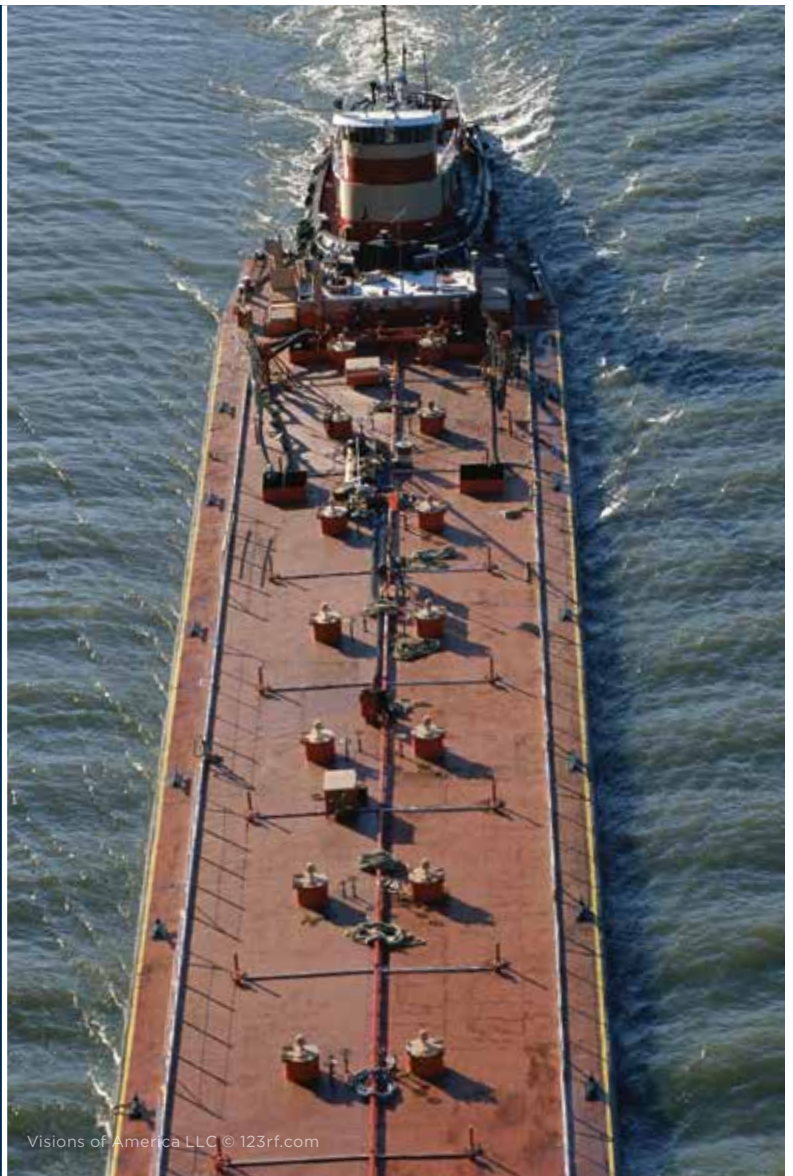
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