Hot-Work Permit and Notification Revision

The COTP Advisory 03-97 requiring hot-work permits, was revised by Maritime Safety/Security Information Bulletin (MSIB) 04-07. This bulletin cancels MSIB 04-07 and MSIB 14-08.

To ensure accurate and timely reporting of potentially hazardous hot work operations within Sector San Francisco Captain of the Port Zone (COTP), the COTP requires the use of Coast Guard Standard Form, Hot-Work Permit and Notifications (CG-4201).

Required annual permits:

Hot-work permits are required for waterfront facilities handling liquefied hazardous gases (LHG facilities) per 33 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 127.617. These permits will be issued to LHG facilities for up to one year and will be renewed during annual or spot check inspections.

Required notification of hot work:

Hot-work can pose a significant fire hazard to vessels and designated waterfront facilities, especially when dangerous cargoes are present. Safety precautions and proper training should promote safe welding and hot-work, thereby reducing the potential for a catastrophic fire or explosion. Using Form CG-4201 to notify the COTP serves two functions:

- To inform the COTP of scheduled hot-work operations, and allow Coast Guard representatives to monitor such operations.
- To remind operators of the dangers posed by conducting hot-work and the safety precautions that must be adhered to.

Facilities subject to 33 CFR 126, 33 CFR 127 and/or 33 CFR 154 are required to notify the COTP 12 hours before conducting hot-work via a signed Form CG-4201. Notifications can be faxed to 415-399-3521 or e-mailed to the COTP at SectorSanFranciscoCommandCenter@uscg.mil.

Form CG-4201 serves as both an annual permit for LHG facilities and a notification of welding and hot-work. The form can be downloaded from the internet at www.uscg.mil/forms/cg.CG_4201.pdf and http://homeport.uscg.mil on the Sector San Francisco page under Facilities Inspections. To make a notification, check the Notification box and fill in the top portion of the form down to and including the first signature block.
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Exemptions:

Hot-work notifications are not required for hot-work conducted in a facility’s designated maintenance area. Welding or Hot-work is prohibited:

- During gas freeing operations within 30.5 meters (100 feet) of bulk cargo operations involving flammable or combustible materials.
- Within 30.5 meters (100 feet) of fueling operations.
- Within 30.5 meters (100 feet) of explosives.
- Within 15.25 meters (50 feet) of other hazardous materials.

Facility operators subject to 33 CFR 126 and/or 33 CFR 154 are reminded to abide by the safety requirements listed in 33 CFR 126.30 and 33 CFR 154.735(l), respectively.

If you have any questions about this program please contact the Port Safety and Security Branch Chief at (415) 399-2035.

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