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**From:** FLEMING-LUCZKOWSKI, LESLIE [leslie.fleming@dhs.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 25, 2008 8:25 AM  
**To:** Niels Lyngso  
**Subject:** RE: COFR

Good morning Niels,

I consulted with local CG Command and based on their guidance, I have made the decision that the CBP Houston Seaport will no longer require a bridge letter. I would appreciate your assistance in getting the msg out to your members. Please let me know if you require something more formal.

Also, I am happy to meet with you. Please give me a couple of dates/times to work with and I will schedule it on my calendar. Lastly, please let me know where you would prefer to meet. My office is located in Houston on Office City Drive.

Regards,

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**From:** FLEMING-LUCZKOWSKI, LESLIE [leslie.fleming@dhs.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 12, 2008 10:07 AM  
**To:** Niels Lyngso  
**Cc:** SINCLAIR, MICHAEL J  
**Subject:** COFR

Mr. Lyngso,

The number of the valid and current COFR on the form 1300 will be sufficient. Please let me know if you have any question.

Thanks

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**From:** Niels Lyngso  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 06, 2008 10:54 AM  
**To:** michael.sinclair@dhs.gov  
**Subject:** COFR Certificate

November 6, 2008

To: CBP – Michael Sinclair

Re: COFR (Certificate of Financial Responsibility)

We are quoting below bulletin from U.S. Coast Guard advising that they will no longer issue a paper COFR and that the information for each vessel is available on the internet.

As you know, CBP requires that the original valid COFR be presented at the time a vessel is entered. – We will now begin to see vessels that do not have a an original COFR, nor a copy. Accordingly, our members are asking us to establish with you what the requirements will be in the future and to verify with you that showing the number of the COFR on form 1300 will be sufficient.

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*SUBJ: CERTIFICATE OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (COFR) FINAL RULE NOTIFICATION*

*1. THE CERTIFICATE OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (COFR) FINAL RULE WAS PUBLISHED 17 SEPTEMBER 2008.*

*2. THE FINAL RULE AMENDS 33 CFR PART 138, AND GOES INTO EFFECT ON 17 OCTOBER 2008. AMONG THE CHANGES, THE ONE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO SECTOR UNITS IS AN AMENDMENT TO COFR CARRIAGE REQUIREMENTS.*

*3. EFFECTIVE 17 OCTOBER 2008, VESSELS REQUIRING VALID COFRS WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED TO CARRY A PAPER CERTIFICATE OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ON BOARD.*

*4. THE NATIONAL POLLUTION FUNDS CENTER (NPFC) WILL NO LONGER ISSUE PAPER CERTIFICATES AS EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPA 90 COFR REQUIREMENTS.*

*5. COFR ENFORCEMENT DECISIONS SHOULD BE BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED THROUGH MISLE OR THE NPFC COFR WEBSITE AT [HTTPS://NPFC.USCG.MIL/COFR/DEFAULT.ASPX](https://npfc.uscg.mil/cofr/default.aspx), AND/OR TELEPHONIC COMPLIANCE INQUIRIES TO NPFC AT 202-493-6780.*

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We are looking forward to hear form you.

Best regards  
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