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Oily Waste Management Plan – IMO Guidelines

Attached please find **MEPC.1/Circ.759**, which contains IMO's guidelines

“to assist shipowners and operators in the development of shipboard oily waste pollution prevention plans for machinery spaces of ships to support the environmental objectives required by the ISM Code”.

While we expect that most FAS flagged vessel will already have a waste management plan, which encompasses the handling of oily waste, we take this opportunity to encourage a review of your procedures to ensure that they are in compliance with the enclosed guidelines from IMO.

Please instruct your vessels to review their plans and update procedures as may be required to ensure full compliance with the industry's best practice.

In the unlikely event that such plans are inadequate, or missing, we urge that the shore-based management ensures their inclusion in the company SMS with immediate effect. Responsible personnel must be appointed on board, and the required training shall be provided as soon as possible thereafter.

Enclosure: MEPC.1/Circ.759

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