

US Government Shutdown – Update



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You may be aware that, as of October 1, 2025, the US Government has temporarily suspended certain administrative operations due to a political funding dispute. While the National Pollution Funds Center (“NPFC”) expects to remain fully operational during this period, the COFR status spreadsheet on the NPFC website will not be updated for the duration of the shutdown. At present, the length of the shutdown remains uncertain.

The NPFC has confirmed to SIGCo that it will continue to provide COFR compliance determinations to the Captain of the Port (“COTP”). To obtain a determination, the COTP would ordinarily contact the Vessel Certification Division, Monday through Friday between 07:00 and 16:30 EST, at +1 (202) 795-6130, or the NPFC Command Duty Officer at +1 (202) 494-9118. Compliance requests will be handled in the order received, and the NPFC will advise the COTP accordingly, as per normal practice.

Brokers and shipowners are advised that if a vessel encounters any difficulty entering a port due to COFR compliance concerns, they should request that the COTP contact the Vessel Certification Division using the contact details above.

We continue all daily operations as usual, but if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at sigco@sigcogroup.com.

Sincerely,
SIGCo Group