

Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA)

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Vessel Incidental Discharge Act Update 2019

The Northeast Aquatic Nuisance Species Panel

Spring Meeting

June 3-5, 2019

LaQuinta Inns & Suites

Springfield, MA

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VIDA Amends Clean Water Act

[Section 312(p)]

“Uniform National Standards for Discharges Incidental to Normal Operation of Vessels”

Pre-VIDA:

- ❖ States Authorized to Manage Ballast Water via EPA 2013 Vessel General Permit

Per-VIDA:

- ❖ States Authorized to Participate in Development of EPA National Standards

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Pending Actions

- ❑ **EPA to Publish National Standards by December 2020**
- ❑ **USCG to Publish Implementing Regulations (Anticipated in 2022)**
- ❑ **Interim Requirements Apply Until Standards *and* Regulations in Place**
 - ❖ Vessels > 79': Discharges regulated under EPA 2013 VGP, state & local regs.
 - ❖ Vessels < 79': BW discharges regulated under EPA 2013 VGP, state & local regs.

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EPA/USCG Public Outreach Initiatives

- ❑ **Webinars: May 7 and 15, 2019**
 - ❖ Provided overview of VIDA
 - ❖ Discussed interim and future discharge requirements
 - ❖ Described future state and public engagement opportunities

- ❑ **Listening Sessions: May 29 and 30, 2019**
 - ❖ Provided overview of VIDA
 - ❖ Summarized regulatory considerations for specific discharges
 - ❖ Provided opportunity for public input

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Next Step

NEANS Panel Regional Coordination

Establish work group to coordinate state input toward developing national standards