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Dear Brokers, Shipmanagers, and Shipowners,

The ongoing U.S. Federal Government shutdown, which began on October 1, 2025, continues to affect several federal agencies, including the National Pollution Funds Center (NPFC), the authority responsible for issuing Certificates of Financial Responsibility (COFRs).

The NPFC has now been authorised to resume operations, including updates to the public COFR status spreadsheet on its website. However, due to the limited operations during the shutdown, a significant backlog of applications has accumulated. The NPFC's immediate focus is on clearing this backlog, with applications being processed in the order received. At this stage, no timeline has been provided for when normal processing times will resume.

The NPFC's Active Vessel COFR spreadsheet can be found here: [ECOFR Active Vessel Status](#)

SIGCo continues to submit COFR applications to the U.S. Coast Guard as usual and remains in regular contact with the NPFC to monitor progress. If a vessel is due to call at a U.S. port within 96 hours and its COFR is not yet listed, please contact us with the vessel name, ETA, and port of call, and we will notify the NPFC directly.

This remains the longest government shutdown in U.S. history.

SIGCo will provide a further update on the U.S. Federal Government shutdown and NPFC operations two weeks from today, November 21, 2025, unless there are changes to the information above.

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Sincerely,
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