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Dear Brokers, Shipmanagers, and Shipowners,

The U.S. Federal Government shutdown, which began on October 1, 2025, and became the longest in history, officially ended yesterday, November 12, 2025. The shutdown affected several federal agencies, including the National Pollution Funds Center (NPFC), the authority responsible for issuing Certificates of Financial Responsibility (COFRs).

While all U.S. Federal Government agencies are now resuming operations, there will understandably be a period of delay before services return to normal levels.

The NPFC is working through the significant backlog of applications that accumulated during the shutdown and is expected to return to standard processing times by the end of November.

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 on the spreadsheet, please contact us with the vessel name, ETA, and port of call, and we will notify the NPFC directly.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as the NPFC return to normal operations. We understand the impact these delays may have and want to reassure you that our team is available to assist wherever needed.

For any enquiries, please contact us at sigco@sigcogroup.com or +1-441-298-0600.

Sincerely,
SIGCo Group

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