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(a) A responsible person may appeal a decision made by an authorized organization by mailing or delivering to the organization a written request for reconsideration. Within 30 days of receiving your request, the authorized organization must rule on it and send you a written response. They must also send a copy of their response to the Commandant (CG-543).

- (b) If you are not satisfied with the organization's decision, you may appeal directly to the Commandant (CG-543). You must make your appeal in writing, including any documentation and evidence you wish to be considered. You may ask the Commandant (CG-543) to stay the effect of the appealed decision while it is under review.
- (c) The Commandant (CG-543) will make a decision on your appeal and send you a response in writing. That decision will be the final Coast Guard action on your request.