time for which it is valid, it shall be re- 
tained for the period of time such cer-
tificate or document is required for op-
eration of the vessel; or,
(3) If the certificate or documents is 
evidence of a person’s qualifications, it 
shall be retained for so long as it is 
valid unless it is required to be surren-
dered.

§ 2.95–10 Equipment or material re-
quired to be approved.
(a) The manufacturer of any equip-
ment or material, which must also be 
approved by or found satisfactory for 
use by the Commandant, shall keep the 
required drawings, plans, blueprints, 
specifications, production models (if 
any), qualification tests, and related 
correspondence containing evidence 
that the Coast Guard has found such 
equipment or material satisfactory, 
during the period of time the approval 
or listing is valid. Most of the speci-
fications containing detailed descrip-
tions of records required to be retained 
by the public are in parts 160 to 164, in-
clusive in subchapter Q (Specifications) 
of this chapter.

PART 3—DESIGNATION OF 
OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH 
VESSELS

Subpart 3.01—Authority and Purpose

§ 3.01–1 Purpose of regulations.
The purpose of the regulations in this 
part is to establish standard procedures 
for the designation of certain vessels as 
oceanographic research vessels as de-

Subpart 3.03—Application

§ 3.03–1 Vessels subject to the require-
ments of this part.
The regulations in this part are ap-
licable to U.S. flag vessels desiring 
designation as oceanographic research 
vessels in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 
2101(18).

Subpart 3.05—Definition of Terms 
Used in This Part

§ 3.05–1 Letter of designation.
A letter issued by an Officer in 
Charge, Marine Inspection, designating 
an uninspected vessel as an oceano-
graphic research vessel.

§ 3.05–3 Oceanographic research ves-
sel.
“An oceanographic research vessel is 
a vessel which the U.S. Coast Guard 
finds is employed exclusively in one or 
more of the following:
(a) Oceanographic instruction;
(b) Limnologic instruction;
(c) Oceanographic research; or,
(d) Limnologic research.”

Subpart 3.10—Designation

§ 3.10–1 Procedures for designating 
oceanographic research vessels.
(a) Upon written request by the 
owner, master, or agent of a vessel, a 
determination will be made by the Offi-
cer in Charge, Marine Inspection, of 
the zone in which the vessel is located, 
whether the vessel may be designated 
as an oceanographic research vessel.