ABS Service Network

30 OFFICES ACROSS US

200 + Qualified Surveyors & Auditors

ABS HQ
Houston, TX

18 OFFICES Along US Gulf & Inland Waterways
TPO Functions

- Verify regulatory compliance through third-party surveys (machinery/hull) and audits (Safety Management System) on behalf of U.S. Coast Guard (NOT ACP)
- Approve and provide oversight of internal survey programs
- Perform repair survey work if permitted by local OCMI
- Encourage operator transparency with the flag state
Classification Societies

• Automatically Accepted as TPOs
• Work with many different flag states worldwide, including USCG
• Have experience surveying and auditing inspected vessels
Classification Societies (cont.)

• Authorized to conduct towing vessel design verification (46 CFR Table 144.140)
• Authorized to conduct scantling assessments (NVIC 7-68)
Positive Momentum

- USCG, AWO and TPOs have worked with industry through a number of issues with few outstanding matters remaining
- TVNCOE and OCMIs have been ready/willing to assist operators from day 1
- Numerous industry day outreach events hosted by USCG
- Permit to proceed process is keeping vessels moving
Thank You

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