

MEMORADUM

On May 26, 2015, NOAA Office of Law Enforcement notified vessel owners and operators regarding the replacement of specific CLS AMERICA THORIUM TST and SKYMATE MOBILE TRANSCEIVER UNITS by September 30, 2015. Please refer to our FAQ below:

- ***Which units are affected?***

You should have received correspondence from NOAA, Office of Law Enforcement if your VMS unit(s) requires replacement. If in doubt, please contact them at **1-888-219-9228**.

- ***What unit should I purchase for replacement?***

You must replace your affected unit(s) with a currently type-approved VMS unit for your fishery region. Please refer to the following link: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ole/about/our_programs/vessel_monitoring.html for a current list of type approved units.

- ***How much will I be reimbursed?***

Reimbursement is up to a maximum of \$3,100.00 for the **VMS unit only**.

- ***Do I have to have the unit professionally installed?***

In order to qualify for reimbursement, it is recommended that the unit be installed by a licensed electronics dealer/installer.

- ***Okay - I have purchased a replacement unit and had it professionally installed...now what?***

1. **Contact NOAA-OLE** for your four digit confirmation number (**1-888-219-9228**)
2. Follow the instructions and complete the application found on this website **VMS Reimbursement Request Form**.

Note: you will need to include your itemized sales invoice (complete with Transmitter Identification number), a copy of your federal fisheries permit AND a copy of the vessel's Certificate of Documentation or State Registration with the request form. Submit your application packet to PSMFC via mail or fax (503-595-3444).

- ***When will I get reimbursed?***

PSMFC will make every effort to process your reimbursement within 30 days of receipt of a *completed* application.

However, due to the potential volume of reimbursements this directive entails, it is recommended that you attend to this matter as soon as possible.

More questions? Inquiries on compliance – please contact NOAA-OLE at **1-888-219-9228**.

Reimbursement questions -call PSMFC - **503-595-3100**.

