



OCEANS PROTECTION PLAN

TERMPOL

(ENHANCED NAVIGATION SAFETY ASSESSMENT SYSTEM)

WHAT IS TERMPOL?

TERMPOL is short for “Technical Review Process of Marine Terminal Systems and Transshipment Sites.” TERMPOL reviews are voluntary, at a proponent’s request, to provide objective guidance when planning to build and operate a marine terminal system for bulk handling of oil, chemicals and liquefied gases.

TERMPOL was originally designed as a voluntary stand alone navigation safety review of proposed projects – taking into account industry best practices; marine programs and services; and the Canadian marine regulatory framework.

These reviews began in the 1970s, when a federal government committee reviewing marine pollution issues identified the need for a precise and reliable way to measure the navigational risks associated with placing and operating marine terminals for large tankers.

WHY TERMPOL IS IMPORTANT?

Although TERMPOL is neither mandatory nor legally binding, it does play an important part in the federal government review of marine terminals and transshipment sites.

In fact, government authorities and other agencies often rely on TERMPOL to identify:

- potential problems;
- opportunities for improvements; and
- any impacts on marine services and programs.

A TERMPOL report includes:

- **Findings**, which identify risks related to navigation and marine operations
- **Recommendations**, which propose actions proponents can take to enhance marine safety beyond regulatory requirements.

Information in a TERMPOL report is often included in:

- Environmental assessment permitting processes
- National Energy Board regulatory review processes

Transport Canada and its partners are working to strengthen and potentially expand TERMPOL.

WHAT’S NEXT?

To develop a path forward for a stronger TERMPOL, the Government of Canada will:

- Conduct engagement sessions to discuss the current review process, service delivery, areas of concern, and future needs;
- Consider options and new approaches to improve navigation safety assessment; and
- Explore the creation of a new navigation safety data and analysis unit.

Strengthening the TERMPOL process is another action the Government of Canada is taking to protect the country’s coasts and waterways. The Government is investing \$1.5 billion in the Oceans Protection Plan. This national strategy to create a world-leading marine safety system that provides economic opportunities for Canadians today, while protecting coastlines for future generations.