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**LONG RANGE NAVIGATION (LORAN-C) TERMINATION  
ON FEBRUARY 8, 2010**

The 2010 Homeland Security Appropriations Act has directed the Coast Guard to discontinue Long Range Navigation (LORAN-C). The Commandant has certified that termination of the operation of the Loran-C signal will not adversely impact the safety of maritime navigation, and the Loran-C system infrastructure is not needed as a backup to the GPS system or to meet any other federal navigation requirement. These certifications are completed and the Coast Guard will now execute the termination of Loran-C effective February 8, 2010.

Exceptions to the termination include the five sites that are bound by bi-lateral agreements with either Canada (Caribou, ME George, WA, Nantucket, MA, Shoal Cove, AK) or the Russian Federation (Attu, AK). Mariners or other users of Loran-C should shift to GPS navigation and chart plotting systems as soon as possible

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