

**Port of Chicago – Pipeline**



**U.S. Customs and  
Border Protection**

**Pipeline 23-8  
August 3, 2023**

**TO: Vessel Carriers, and Others Concerned**

**SUBJECT: Vessel Entrance and Clearance System**

**Purpose**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has begun to roll out the Vessel Entrance and Clearance System (VECS) program, which is a complete digitization and automation of the Entrance and Clearance process. VECS will allow vessel masters, operators, and agents to submit certain vessel entry and clearance data and requests to CBP electronically, instead of submitting paper forms, as is currently required by CBP regulations. Specifically, VECS will allow participants to submit the data required on CBP Forms 26, 226, 1300, 1302, 1303, 1304, and 3171 electronically prior to arrival or departure from designated ports.

On August 22, 2023, CBP will offer VECS Training at the CBP Detroit Field Office, a six-hour class. If you are interested in attending, attached is the flyer for the upcoming training along with the QR code which can be scanned in order to register for the event and review the FAQs and additional information.

Should you have any questions concerning this pipeline, please contact Chief Melvin Dennis at (847) 686-2097.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Pfeiffer".

Michael J. Pfeiffer  
Acting Area Port Director  
Area Port of Chicago

Attachment



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## VESSEL ENTRANCE AND CLEARANCE (VECS) PILOT TRAINING



August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 – Detroit, MI

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