



**AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENCY FOR OPERATIONS**

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TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators
SUBJECT: Change in Issuance of PCSOPEP Notice of Acknowledgment (NOA)

In an effort to provide a better service and improve our efficiency, the Panama Canal Authority is in continuous review of its operational process. In addition, we are committed to reducing any adverse environmental impact of our operation. As a result, beginning January 1, 2013, Notice of Acknowledgment (NOA) certificates for vessels complying with PCSOPEP requirements will only be issued electronically.

Electronic certificates will be issued to the plan writers who provide the PCSOPEPs, who in turn may furnish said certificate to their client. Vessels will not be sanctioned for failure to carry a NOA certificate on board; however, masters are encouraged to have knowledge of their current PCSOPEP status.

For vessels scheduled to arrive or who have previously transited the Canal, PCSOPEP status may be reviewed through the Enhanced Vessel Transit Management System (EVTMS) or the Customer Service Management System (CSMS).

For further information regarding the PCSOPEP program, you may contact the particular ACP office by phone at +(507) 276-4635 or by email at pcsopep@pancanal.com

We look forward to serving you in the years ahead.

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