# LNG Vessel Safety and Security

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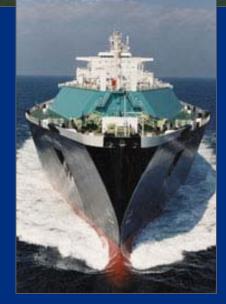


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# **LNG Vessels**

- Exceptional Safety Record
  +35,000 safe voyages
- Designed, built, manned & operated to international maritime industry standards
- Robust double-hull design protects cargo tanks
- Compliance enforced through Flag State & Port State Control compliance programs







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# **Moss Spherical Tank LNG Carrier**

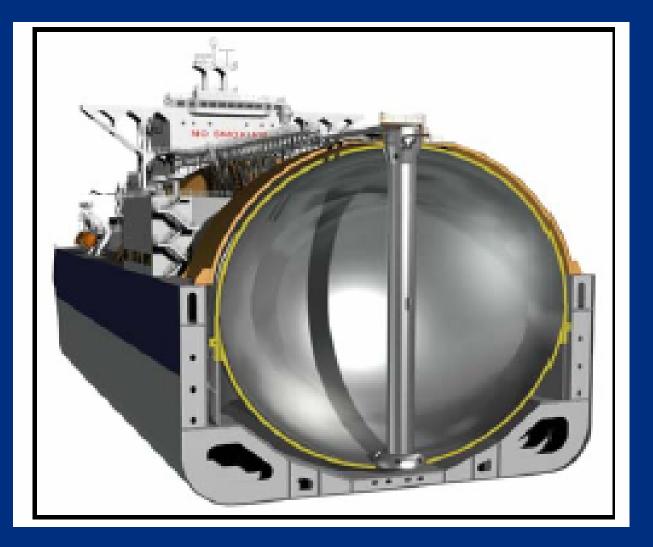




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# **Moss Spherical Tank Design**





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## **Membrane Tank LNG Carrier**

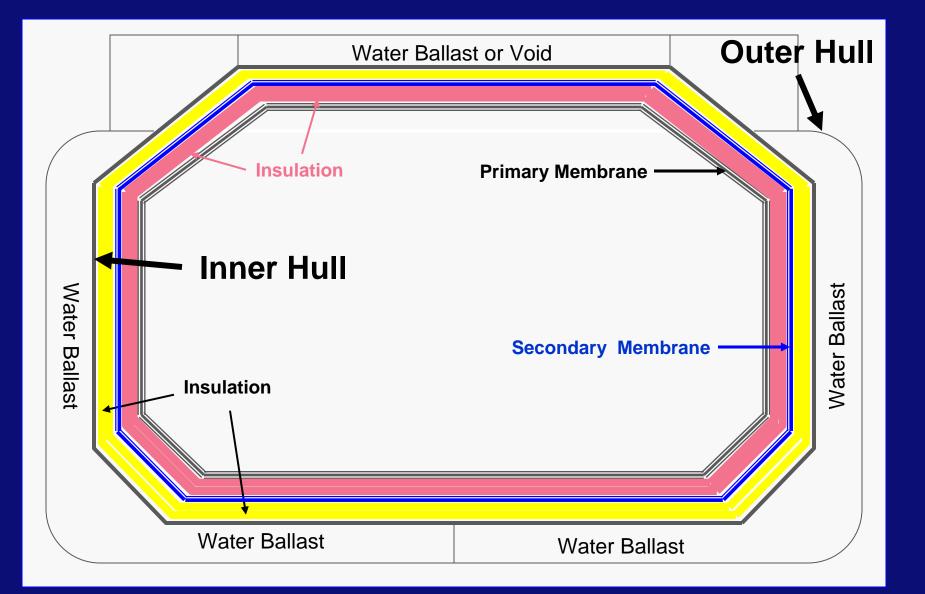




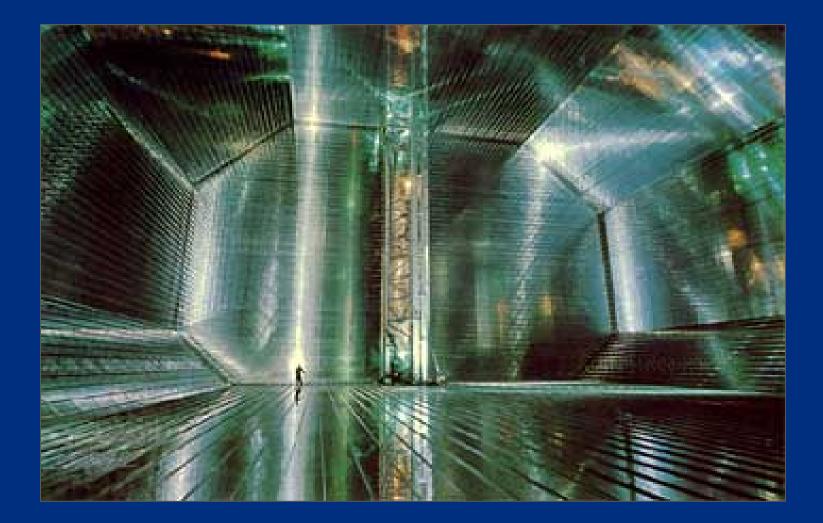
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# **Membrane Tank Design**



### **Membrane Tank Interior**





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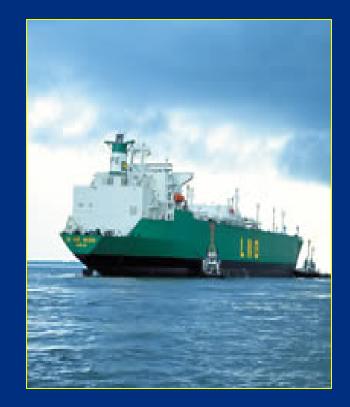
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# **LNG Vessel Safety Rules**

#### International Standards:

- IMO Code for Construction & Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code)
- IMO Standards for Training, Certification & Watchkeeping (STCW 95)
- <u>U.S. Requirements</u>: 46 CFR 154, Safety Standards for Self Propelled Vessels Carrying Bulk Liquefied Gases
- U.S. Compliance/Enforcement Program:
  - USCG Certificate of Compliance
  - Annual Exams





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# **LNG Vessel Safety Rules**

#### **Examination & Testing Items:**

- Vessel Construction
- Firefighting, Life Saving equipment
- Electrical Systems & Intrinsically-safe equip.
- Vapor Recovery & Detection Systems
- Tank Overfill Protection & Relief Valves
- Cargo Transfer & Emergency Procedures
- Emergency Shutdown System for Cargo Transfers





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# **LNG Vessel Security Rules**

 International Standards: Int'l Ship & Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code

#### • U.S. Requirements:

- Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) of 2002
- Vessel Security Regs, 33 CFR 104
  - Company & Vessel Security Officer
  - Vessel Security Assessment



 Vessel Security Plan: Access control & identification; monitoring; restricted area designations; cargo handling; procedures for receiving fuel & ship's stores



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# Reducing Security Risks for LNG Ships

- Advance Notice of Arrival requirements (96 hrs before arriving in U.S. port)
- Crew list vetted against LE and intelligence databases/watch lists
- Security boardings & positive control measures
- Safety & Security Zones enforced with armed vessel escorts
- Area Maritime Security Plan to address security of port in coordinated & holistic manner





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# Homeland Security

