The safety of passengers and employees is the top priority of the New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) in its operation of the Staten Island Ferry.

The NYCDOT Staten Island Ferry shall implement and maintain a Safety Management System (SMS) that provides:

- Control to ensure safe operations and working conditions onboard each ferry and within each facility.
- Control to establish safeguards for all identified risks.
- Control to continually improve performance of the system and its personnel regarding safety, pollution prevention and environmental stewardship.

The SMS shall ensure that the NYCDOT Staten Island Ferry is in compliance with mandatory rules and regulations as well as relevant voluntary guidelines.

The SMS shall follow the objectives of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code “to ensure safety at sea, prevention of human injury or loss of life, and avoidance of damage to the environment, in particular the marine environment and to property.”

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