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Commercial divers in the United States should have a Federally issued license similar to a USCG Captains license issued by the USCG in a booklet form, perhaps a blue book. Currently there really isn't any real certification other than the ADCI card which has no bite to it, no teeth when dealing with regulations, accidents and investigations. With a Federal license employers will improve safety over night in order to avoid Federal involvement if an accident occurs. Although the USCG does get involved with diving related accidents, negligence, etc. they often consult with the ADCI who represents not the diver but the contractor in question. In reality it is the ADCI attorneys that actually do the investigation which is a clear conflict of interest.

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