

seq.); the National Historic Preservation Act (Pub. L. 89-665, 80 Stat. 915 (Oct. 15, 1966) (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*)); the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (Pub. L. 89-669, 16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee); the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106-65, 113 Stat. 885 (Oct. 5, 1999)); the Sikes Act (16 U.S.C. 670 *et seq.*); and the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 551 *et seq.*).

I reserve the authority to make further waivers from time to time under the authority granted to me by section 102(c) of the IIRIRA, as amended by section 102 of the REAL ID Act, as I may determine to be necessary to accomplish the provisions of section 102 of IIRIRA.

Dated: January 12, 2007.

**Michael Chertoff,**

*Secretary of Homeland Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[USCG-2006-26136]

### Potential Revision of Mandatory Ballast Water Management Reporting Requirements

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting; request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard requests public comments on its current ballast water management reporting and recordkeeping requirements. To provide additional opportunities for public comment, public meetings will be held in Chicago, IL and in New Orleans, LA. All stakeholders and interested parties are encouraged to submit comments to the docket and to attend one of the scheduled meetings.

**DATES:** The public meetings will be held on the following dates:

- Chicago, IL, March 13, 2007 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- New Orleans, LA, March 15, 2007 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before March 16, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The Coast Guard will hold the public meetings at the following addresses:

- Chicago, IL, Radisson Chicago Hotel and Suites, 160 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL, 60611, 312-787-2900, [www.radisson.com/chicago](http://www.radisson.com/chicago).
- New Orleans, LA, Hotel Monteleone, 214 Royal Street, New

Orleans, LA 70130, 504-532-3341, [www.hotelmonteleone.com](http://www.hotelmonteleone.com).

You may also submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number USCG-2006-26136 to the Docket Management Facility at the U.S. Department of Transportation. To avoid duplication, please use only one of the following methods:

(1) *Web site:* <http://dms.dot.gov>.

(2) *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(3) *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

(4) *Delivery:* Room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions on this notice, contact LT Heather St. Pierre, Project Manager, Environmental Standards Division, Coast Guard, via telephone at 202-372-1432 or via e-mail at [Heather.J.St.Pierre@uscg.mil](mailto:Heather.J.St.Pierre@uscg.mil). If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-493-0402.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Request for Comments

All comments received will be posted, without change, to <http://dms.dot.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided. We have an agreement with the Department of Transportation (DOT) to use the Docket Management Facility. Please see DOT's "Privacy Act" paragraph below.

**Submitting comments:** If you submit a comment, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this notice (USCG-2006-26136) and give the reason for each comment. You may submit your comments by electronic means, mail, fax, or delivery to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**; but please submit your comments by only one means. If you submit them by mail or delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know that they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments received during the comment period.

**Viewing comments and documents:** To view comments, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time, click on "Simple Search," enter the last five

digits of the docket number for this notice, and click on "Search." You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Privacy Act:** Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the Department of Transportation's Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

#### Public Meetings

The Coast Guard encourages interested and affected stakeholders to attend one of the scheduled public meetings and provide oral or written comments. These meetings will be open to the public. Please note that the public meeting may close early if all business is finished. Oral or written comments received at the public meeting will be entered into the Docket. If you are unable to attend, you may submit comments to the Docket Management Facility at the address listed under **ADDRESSES** by March 16, 2007.

For the public meeting in Chicago, the Radisson Hotel and Suites Chicago is holding a limited number of rooms for the meeting. To receive the group rate of \$138.00 plus tax per night, reservations must be made directly with the Radisson Hotel and Suites Chicago by calling 312-787-2900 no later than February 16, 2007. Please mention the 'Coast Guard Meeting' to receive the block rate. After this date, rooms will be available at the standard rate on a space available basis only.

For the public meeting in New Orleans, the Hotel Monteleone is holding a limited number of rooms for the meeting. To receive the group rate of \$148.00 plus tax per night, reservations must be made directly with the Hotel Monteleone by calling 504-523-3341 no later than February 16, 2007. Please mention the 'Coast Guard Meeting' to receive the block rate. After this date, rooms will be available at the standard rate on a space available basis only.

#### Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

If you plan to attend one of the public meetings and require special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations,

please contact us as indicated in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

### Background and Purpose

In accordance with the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (as reauthorized and amended by the National Invasive Species Act of 1996 (NISA)), the Coast Guard promulgated ballast water management (BWM) regulations in 33 CFR part 151, subparts C and D. As part of NISA, Congress authorized the Coast Guard to require BWM reporting and recordkeeping so that we can monitor discharge trends and practices as well as monitor compliance with BWM regulations.

Subpart C of 33 CFR part 151 applies to vessels carrying ballast water after operating outside of the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) that enter the Snell Lock at Massena, New York, or vessels that navigate north of the George Washington Bridge on the Hudson River. In accordance with 33 CFR 151.1516 and 151.2041(b)(1)–(2), vessels entering the Great Lakes or Hudson River, north of the George Washington Bridge, must submit BWM reports at least 24 hours prior to arrival.

The regulations in subpart D apply to all vessels, foreign and domestic, equipped with ballast tanks that operate in U.S. waters and are bound for U.S. ports or places. 33 CFR 151.2041 contains specific BWM reporting requirements. To accompany these regulations, we also published Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) 07–04, change 1 entitled “Ballast Water Management for the Control of Aquatic Nuisance Species in the Waters of the United States.” NVIC 07–04, CH–1 also provides additional guidance on the equivalent reporting program for vessels operating exclusively within the EEZ (as established in 33 CFR 151.2043), allowing approved vessels to submit reports on a monthly basis, as opposed to the standard schedule required by 33 CFR 151.2041.

These BWM reporting requirements are currently being reviewed for potential revisions. In this review process, the Coast Guard is interested in receiving comments on current reporting and recordkeeping requirements contained in the mandatory BWM regulations in 33 CFR part 151, subparts C and D. Specifically, the Coast Guard is seeking public comments on the current ballast water management reporting submission requirements, including comments on vessel types currently required to submit ballast water management reporting forms. Also, the Coast Guard

is seeking comments on the ballast water reporting form itself to determine whether or not the form should be updated. Comments submitted to the docket may or may not be used to amend these ballast water management reporting requirements.

Dated: January 10, 2007.

**J.G. Lantz,**

*Director of National and International Standards, Assistant Commandant for Prevention, U.S. Coast Guard.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[USCG–2007–26862]

### Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee; Subcommittee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the meeting of the Subcommittee of the Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) on the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 472 Standard. The Subcommittee on the NFPA 472 Standard will meet to discuss the formation of a new marine emergency responder chapter in NFPA 472, Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents. This meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The Subcommittee on the NFPA 472 Standard will meet on Thursday, February 8, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Central Standard Time). This meeting may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before February 1, 2007. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the Subcommittee should reach the Coast Guard on or before February 1, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The Subcommittee on the NFPA 472 Standard will meet at Marathon Oil Corporation Headquarters, 5555 San Felipe Road, Houston, TX 77056, on the tenth floor. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Commander Richard J. Raksnis, Executive Director of CTAC, Commandant (CG–3PSO–3), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593–0001. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Commander Richard J. Raksnis, Executive Director of CTAC telephone 202–372–1425, fax 202–372–1926.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92–463).

*Agenda of the NFPA 472 Subcommittee Meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2007:*

(1) Introduce Subcommittee members and attendees.

(2) Prepare draft chapter for future incorporation into the NFPA 472 Standard, Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents.

### Procedural

This meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. At the discretion of the Chair, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify the Executive Director and submit written material on or before February 1, 2007.

### Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meeting, telephone the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: January 10, 2007.

**J.G. Lantz,**

*Director of National and International Standards, Assistant Commandant for Prevention.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed revised