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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

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#### Navigation Safety Advisory Council; Vacancies

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the Navigation Safety Advisory Council (NAVSAC). NAVSAC advises the Coast Guard on the prevention of vessel collisions, rammings, and groundings; Inland Rules of the Road; International Rules of the Road; navigation regulations and equipment; routing measures; marine information; diving safety; and aids to navigation systems.

**DATES:** Application forms must reach us on or before September 15, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** You may request an application form by writing to Commandant (G-MW), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling (202) 267-6164; by faxing (202) 267-4700; or by e-mail

*Jshort@comdt.uscg.mil*. Send your completed application form and a short resume to the above street address. This notice and the application form are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Margie Hegy, Executive Director of NAVSAC at (202) 267-0415, fax (202) 267-4700.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Navigation Safety Advisory Council (NAVSAC) is a Federal advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2; Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770 (1972). It advises the Secretary of Homeland Security, via the Commandant of the Coast Guard, on the prevention of vessel collisions, rammings, and groundings; Inland Rules of the Road; International Rules of the Road; navigation regulations and equipment; routing measures; marine information; diving safety; and aids to navigation systems.

NAVSAC meets at least twice a year at various locations in the continental United States. It may also meet for

extraordinary purposes. Its subcommittees and working groups may meet to consider specific problems as required.

We will consider applications for 21 positions. To be considered for membership, all applicants, including individuals who applied previously, must submit current applications and a brief resume. However, if Congressional letters of reference supporting an earlier application were submitted within the last two years, they do not need to be updated. These letters of reference will be considered as part of an updated application.

To be eligible for membership on NAVSAC, you should have experience in the above mentioned subject areas. To assure balanced representation of subject matter expertise, members are chosen, insofar as practical, from the following groups: (1) Recognized experts and leaders in organizations having an active interest in the Rules of the Road and vessel and port safety; (2) representatives of owners and operators of vessels, professional mariners, recreational boaters, and the recreational boating industry; (3) individuals with an interest in maritime law; and (4) Federal and State officials with responsibility for vessel and port safety. In addition, memberships will be geographically balanced. Seven members will be appointed to serve one-year terms; seven to serve two-year terms; and the remaining seven will serve for a term of three years. Thereafter, one-third of the memberships will expire annually on June 30 and members will be appointed or reappointed to serve three-year terms. A few members may serve consecutive terms. All members serve without compensation from the Federal Government, although travel reimbursement and per diem may be provided.

In support of the policy of the Department of Homeland Security on gender and ethnic diversity, we encourage qualified women and members of minority groups to apply.

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### Federal Emergency Management Agency

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

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate (EP&R), 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 proposed continuing information collections. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments on information collected and maintained on students attending National Fire Academy (NFA) and Emergency Management Institute (EMI) courses.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public Law 93-498, Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act, as amended, (15 U.S.C. 2201 *et seq.*) established the National Fire Academy (NFA) to "advance the professional development of fire service personnel and of other persons engaged in fire prevention and control activities \* \* \*" and authorizes the Superintendent, NFA, to "conduct courses and programs of training and education \* \* \*" Public Law 93-288, Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, (42 U.S.C. 5121-5206) authorizes the President to establish "a program of disaster preparedness that utilizes services of all appropriate agencies and includes \* \* \* (2) training and exercises \* \* \*."

Under the authorities of Executive Order 12127 and 12148, as amended, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, is responsible for carrying out the mandates of the public laws mentioned above. The Secretary established the National Emergency Training Center (NETC), located in Emmitsburg, Maryland, which houses both NFA and EMI. The data collection is used to (1) determine eligibility for courses and programs offered by NFA and EMI, (2) provide a consolidated record of all EP&R/FEMA training taken