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Revision of the National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP) Guidelines

The Coast Guard published a notice announcing that it is working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), and the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) to revise the National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP) guidelines. PREP is designed to facilitate the exercise requirements of oil spill response plans for certain vessels and facilities. The PREP guidelines were last revised in 2002, so the anticipated revisions will reflect changes to regulations, agency reorganizations, and lessons-learned from past preparedness activities and recent response activities. The notice solicits comments and suggestions for updating the guidelines. After considering public comments the Coast Guard anticipates making a revised draft of the PREP guidelines available for public review and comment.

The notice and related materials may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number: USCG-2011-1178.

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