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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov/search/searchFormSimple.cfm> under the docket number [USCG-2006-25432]. The application form is also available on the Internet at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/advisory/index.htm>. You may also obtain an application by calling Mr. Mark Gould at (202) 372-1409; by e-mailing him at mgould@comdt.uscg.mil; by faxing him at (202) 372-1926; or by writing him at the location in **ADDRESSES** above.

MERPAC is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, as amended). It provides advice and makes recommendations to the Assistant Commandant for Prevention on matters of concern to seamen serving in our merchant marine, such as implementation of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW), as amended.

MERPAC normally meets twice a year, once at or near Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC, and once elsewhere in the country. Its subcommittees and working groups may also meet to consider specific tasks as required.

The Coast Guard will consider applications for seven positions that expire or become vacant in January 2007. It needs applicants with one or more of the following backgrounds to fill the positions:

- (a) Public member;
- (b) Licensed deck officer;
- (c) Licensed engineering officer;
- (d) Unlicensed member of the engine department;
- (e) Marine educator not affiliated with either state or federal maritime academies; and
- (f) Two (2) Marine educators affiliated with state maritime academies.

Each member serves for a term of three years. MERPAC members serve without compensation from the Federal Government; however, they do receive travel reimbursement and per diem.

In support of the policy of the Department of Homeland Security on gender and ethnic diversity, the Coast Guard encourages applications from qualified women and members of minority groups.

Dated: July 20, 2006.

Lorne W. Thomas,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2006-25461]

Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC) and its working groups will meet to discuss various issues relating to the training and fitness of merchant marine personnel. MERPAC advises the Secretary of Homeland Security on matters relating to the training, qualifications, licensing, and certification of seamen serving in the U.S. merchant marine. All meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: A MERPAC working group will meet on Tuesday, September 12, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The full MERPAC committee will meet on Wednesday, September 13, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Thursday, September 14, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. These meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. Requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before August 30, 2006. Written material and requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee should reach the Coast Guard on or before August 30, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The MERPAC working group will meet on September 12, 2006, in Room 6 South of Building 2 of the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS), 692 Maritime Boulevard, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090-1952. The full MERPAC committee will meet on September 13 and 14, 2006, in the main auditorium in Building 3 at the same location. Further directions regarding the location of MITAGS may be obtained at the following link: http://www.mitags.org/text_directions?SESS=c7447c7629f9bae5605ea186e6e1b178. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Mr. Mark Gould, Commandant (G-PSO-1), 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: For questions on this notice, contact Mr. Gould, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202-372-1409, fax 202-372-1926, or e-mail mgould@comdt.uscg.mil. For questions about hotel room availability at MITAGS, please call 866-900-3517.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, as amended).

Agenda of Meeting on September 12, 2006

The working group for Task Statement 57, concerning a national training program for operational and management level officers including integration of the STCW Code into the USCG license examination process, will meet to conduct deliberations in preparation for delivering proposed MERPAC recommendations to the full committee.

Agenda of Meeting on September 13, 2006

The full committee will meet to discuss the objectives for the meeting. The working groups addressing the following task statements may meet to deliberate: Task Statement 30, concerning utilizing military sea service for STCW certifications; Task Statement 51, concerning minimum standard of competence on tanker safety; Task Statement 55, concerning recommendations to develop a voluntary training program for deck and engine department entry level mariners on domestic and seagoing vessels; and Task Statement 57, concerning a national training program for operational and management level officers including integration of the STCW Code into the USCG license examination process. In addition, new working groups may be formed to address issues proposed by the Coast Guard, MERPAC members, or the public. All task statements may be viewed at the MERPAC Web site at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/advisory/merpac/merpac.htm>.

At the end of the day, the working groups will make a report to the full committee on what has been accomplished in their meetings. No action will be taken on these reports on this date.

Agenda of Meeting on September 14, 2006

The agenda comprises the following:
(1) Introduction.

(2) Working Groups' Reports

(a) Task Statement 30, concerning utilizing military sea service for STCW certifications;

(b) Task Statement 51, concerning minimum standard of competence on tanker safety;

(c) Task Statement 55, concerning recommendations to develop a voluntary training program for deck and engine department entry level mariners on domestic and seagoing vessels;

(d) Task Statement 57, concerning a national training program for operational and management level officers including integration of the STCW Code into the USCG license examination process; and

(e) Other task statements which may have been adopted for discussion and action.

(3) Other items to be discussed:

(a) Standing Committee—Prevention Through People.

(b) Briefings concerning on-going projects of interest to MERPAC.

(c) Other items brought up for discussion by the committee or the public.

Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, 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 Mr. Gould no later than August 30, 2006. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than August 30, 2006. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of the meeting, please submit 25 copies to Mr. Gould no later than August 30, 2006.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact Mr. Gould as soon as possible.

Dated: July 27, 2006.

J.G. Lantz,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5091-N-01]

**Notice of Proposed Information;
Collection: Comment Request;
Maintenance Wage Rate
Recommendation, and Maintenance
Wage Survey; and Report of Additional
Classification and Wage Rate**

AGENCY: Office of Departmental Operations and Coordination, Office of Labor Relations, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* October 2, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Lillian Deitzer, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., L'Enfant Plaza Building, Room 8001, Washington, DC 20410 or Lillian_L_Deitzer@hud.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jade Banks, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Labor Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-0370, Ext. 5475 (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including

the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Maintenance Wage Rate Recommendation; Maintenance Wage Survey; Report of Additional Classification and Wage Rate.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2501-0011.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: Public housing agencies (PHAs), Tribally-designated housing entities (TDHEs), and the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) are required to ensure that maintenance laborers and mechanics employed in the operation of HUD-assisted low-income or affordable housing are paid no less than prevailing wages that are determined or adopted by HUD (section 12(a), U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended; sections 104(b) and 805(b) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, as amended). Except that, TDHEs may, at their discretion, implement tribally determined prevailing maintenance wage rates which would apply in place of HUD-determined or -adopted wage rates.

HUD determines or adopts a schedule of prevailing maintenance wage rates for each PHA, TDHE (except for those TDHEs that implement tribally-determined prevailing wage rates), and the DHHL, annually, coinciding with the agency's fiscal year. In order to ensure that the wage rates are reflective of current economic conditions, HUD requests that each PHA, TDHE and the DHHL submit a recommendation of prevailing wage rates for HUD consideration. PHA, TDHE, and DHHL recommendations may be based on a wide variety of economic indicators including, at the discretion of the PHA, TDHE, or DHHL, the results of a wage survey that the PHA, TDHE or DHHL may conduct of maintenance employers in their operating jurisdiction. In addition, HUD may conduct a maintenance wage rate survey in the absence of a PHA/TDHE/DHHL recommendation or to evaluate a recommendation that has been provided by a PHA, TDHE or DHHL.

In order to assist PHAs, TDHEs and the DHHL to submit prevailing wage rate recommendations and, if they choose, to conduct and evaluate the results of a maintenance wage survey, and to assist HUD personnel in the conduct and evaluation of a maintenance wage survey, HUD proposes to institute three forms: Maintenance Wage Rate