

04-01, on the Inspection of Towing Vessels, and on the Medical NVIC will meet in Linthicum, MD. The committee will also discuss various issues relating to shallow-draft inland and coastal waterway navigation and towing safety. All meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: The working groups will meet on Wednesday, September 17, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. TSAC will meet on, Thursday, September 18, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. These meetings may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations at the meetings should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 10, 2008. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the Committee or working groups should reach the Coast Guard electronically on or before September 10, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The working groups and TSAC will meet at the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS); 692 Maritime Boulevard, Linthicum, Maryland 21090; Phone: 410-859-5700. TSAC is utilizing the Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI) which is about two miles away. There are several commercial hotels within walking distance of the meeting spaces.

Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to TSAC's Assistant Designated Federal Officer (DFO) in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below. This notice is available on the Internet at www.regulations.gov under the docket number USCG-2008-0830.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gerald P. Miente, Assistant DFO, TSAC; U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, CG-5221, Room 1210; 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. Telephone (202) 372-1401, fax (202) 372-1926, or e-mail at: Gerald.P.Miente@uscg.mil.

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 Meetings

NVIC 04-01 Working Group. The agenda for the working group is to discuss possible revisions to the Licensing and manning for Officers of Towing Vessel NVIC and to the Towing Officer Assessment Records (TOARs). The current version of the documents can be viewed at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nvic/index00.htm#2001>.

Towing Vessel Inspection Working Group. The agenda for the working group includes the Economics sub-group deliberating on providing the

committee with information on estimated compliance costs; and the full working group engaging in general discussion regarding inspection issues.

Medical NVIC Working Group. The agenda for the working group is to prepare draft recommendations to the committee on revisions to the mariner Medical Forms CG-719K and 719-KE. The current forms can be viewed at <http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/downloads.asp>.

Towing Safety Advisory Committee. The agenda for the committee is as follows:

- (1) Update of the Towing Vessel Inspection Working Group;
- (2) Discussion and voting on recommendations for the revision of mariner Medical Forms CG-719K 719K-E;
- (3) Update on the Legislative Change Proposals (LCP) to (a) form the Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee and (b) authority to apply medical and physical requirements to entry level personnel;
- (4) Update on the Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) Rulemaking;
- (5) Update on the STCW Rulemaking;
- (6) Update on Training and Service Requirements for Merchant Marine Officers;
- (7) Update on Commercial/Recreational Boating Interface;
- (8) Update on the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC); and
- (9) Discussion on the Review and Recommendations for the Revision of NVIC 4-01 "Licensing and Manning for Officers of Towing Vessels."

Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may close 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 the Assistant DFO no later than September 10, 2008. Written material (20 copies) for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than September 4, 2008. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the Committee or Working Groups in advance of a meeting, please submit it electronically to the Assistant DFO, for e-mail distribution, no later than September 10, 2008. Also at the Chair's discretion, members of the public may present comment at the end of the Public Meeting. Please understand that the Committee's schedule may be quite demanding and time for public comment may be limited.

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 the Assistant Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: August 7, 2008.

J.G. Lantz,

Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No.USCG-2008-0751]

Proposed Modernization of the Coast Guard; Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: United States Coast Guard (USCG), DHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The USCG announces the availability of the draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for Coast Guard modernization. Through this modernization effort, the USCG intends to update its command structure, support systems, and business practices to position itself for sustainable and effective mission execution into the twenty-first century. The Draft PEA is an important document informing these efforts, and we request public input into the Draft PEA for more fully informed decision making during this process.

DATES: Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before September 15, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by USCG Docket number USCG-2008-0751 to the Docket Management Facility at the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). To avoid duplication, please use only one of the following methods:

(1) *Online:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

(2) *Mail:* Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

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

(4) *Hand Delivery:* Room W12-140 on the Ground Floor of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 AM and 5 PM,

except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, please contact Ms. Kebby Kelly, USCG, telephone (202) 475-5690, e-mail: Kebby.Kelley@uscg.mil, or Mr. Frank Esposito, USCG, telephone (202) 372-3746, e-mail:

Mr.Frank.H.Esposito@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or sending materials to the docket, call Ms. Renee Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation and Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages submission of comments and related material on the Draft PEA. All comments received will be posted, without change, to www.regulations.gov and will include any personal information you have provided. The Coast Guard has an agreement with the U.S. DOT to use the DOT 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 to this notice (USCG-2008-0751), and give the reason for each comment. Comments and materials may be submitted by electronic means, mail, fax, or hand delivery to the Docket Management Facility at the address listed under **ADDRESSES**, but please submit comments and materials by only one means. If you submit comments and materials 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. The USCG will consider all comments and materials received during the comment period.

Viewing the Comments and Draft PEA

To view the comments and the Draft PEA, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Conduct a search on the Coast Guard docket number: USCG-2008-0751. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 on the Ground Floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 AM and 5 PM, except Federal holidays.

Privacy Act

Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received into any

of the 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 DOT's Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Background and Purpose

The USCG intends to modernize its command structure, support systems, and business practices to position itself for sustainable and effective mission execution into the twenty-first century. As part of the modernization process the USCG would reorganize its Headquarters to improve the way it develops policy and manages resources. Operational policy and planning functions would be reorganized under a Deputy Commandant for Operations, who would serve as the single Headquarters element to develop regulations and standards and to reconcile strategic operational plans, policies, and capabilities with budget and legal considerations. Mission support functions would be reorganized under a Deputy Commandant for Mission Support to oversee the Coast Guard's support and logistics systems and processes. These changes would occur primarily in the Baltimore, Maryland, and Washington, DC areas.

Part of the creation of the mission support organization would be the establishment of logistics and service centers. A Surface Forces Logistics Center (SFLC) would be created in newly constructed space at Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, MD, or in leased space in the Portsmouth/Norfolk, Virginia area. A Shore Infrastructure Logistics Center (SILC) would be created in leased space in either Alameda, California, or Norfolk, Virginia. In addition, a new Personnel Service Center (PSC) (Note: Current PSC in Topeka, KS, will be renamed) and a Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Information Technology (C4IT) Service Center would be created in leased space in the Washington, DC area.

Under modernization, the Atlantic and Pacific Area Commands would be restructured into an operational command (OPCOM) and a force readiness command (FORCECOM). OPCOM would be formed by reorganizing the USCG command and control structure for operations and placing responsibility for all USCG operations under the direction of one field command instead of two Area Commands. OPCOM would serve as the single point of accountability for

planning and executing USCG operations and would reside primarily at existing USCG facilities in the Portsmouth/Norfolk, Virginia area. FORCECOM would be created by transforming the Pacific Area Command into a second primary field command. FORCECOM would be responsible for the current and future readiness of the USCG workforce and platforms and for ensuring that the USCG maintains the capabilities to execute its missions. FORCECOM would reside primarily at existing USCG facilities in the Alameda/Oakland, California area. There are no plans to restructure Sectors or subordinate units, to move other operational units, or to reduce the overall USCG workforce under modernization.

The USCG has prepared a Draft PEA that identifies and examines the reasonable alternatives for modernization and assesses their potential environmental impacts. The Draft PEA identifies potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts associated with the USCG modernization program alternatives, including USCG mission-related impacts and site-specific impacts.

The USCG has developed two action alternatives to achieve modernization, a full modernization alternative and a partial modernization alternative. These two alternatives represent the upper and lower levels of change required to achieve the purpose and need of the modernization program and therefore capture the range of social, economic, and environmental impacts that would occur while implementing the program. The full modernization alternative emphasizes co-location of Coast Guard mission support and operations resources and functions. This alternative evaluates the effects of increased billet levels (a billet is a USCG employment position) at each of the three geographic areas affected (though increases would depend upon where the USCG decided to ultimately site logistics and service centers), leasing additional facility space, and potential construction at Coast Guard Yard. The partial modernization alternative would focus on operating from existing locations rather than on co-locating functional resources in a single location. This alternative evaluates a decrease in billet levels in some geographic locations, minimizes leasing, and would include no new construction. The partial modernization alternative would minimally achieve the purpose and need for modernization, while the full modernization alternative would allow the USCG to fully reach the envisioned functionality of modernization. The

USCG prefers the full modernization alternative. Either modernization alternative would be implemented over at least five years.

The USCG is requesting public comments on the Draft PEA, including environmental impacts and resources analyzed in the Draft PEA or possible sources of data or information not included in the Draft PEA. Public comments will be considered in preparing the Final PEA.

Dated: August 8, 2008.

Clifford I. Pearson,

Vice Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Chief of Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Form I-360, Extension of an Existing Information Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: 30-day notice of information collection under review: Form I-360, Petition for Amerasian, Widow, or Special Immigrant. OMB Control No. 1615-0020.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on May 21, 2008, at 73 FR 29528 allowing for a 60-day public comment period. USCIS did not receive any comments for this information collection.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until September 15, 2008. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), USCIS Desk Officer. Comments may be submitted to: USCIS, Chief, Regulatory

Management Division, Clearance Office, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 3008, Washington, DC 20529. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via facsimile to 202-272-8352 or via e-mail at rfs.regs@dhs.gov, and to the OMB USCIS Desk Officer via facsimile at 202-395-6974 or via e-mail at oira_submission@omb.eop.gov.

When submitting comments by e-mail please make sure to add OMB Control Number 1615-0020 in the subject box. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information 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 agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of an existing information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Petition for Amerasian, Widow or Special Immigrant.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Form I-360. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as brief abstract:* *Primary:* Individuals or households. This information collection is used by several prospective classes of aliens who intend to establish their eligibility to immigrate to the United States.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 13,684 responses at 2 hours per response and 5,000 responses at 3 hours per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 42,368 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please visit the USCIS Web site at: <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>.

If additional information is required contact: USCIS, Regulatory Management Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 3008, Washington, DC 20529, (202) 272-8377.

Dated: August 11, 2008.

Stephen Tarragon,

Deputy Chief, Regulatory Management Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Form I-566, Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: 60-day notice of information collection under review: Form I-566, Interagency Record of Individual Requesting Change/Adjustment to or From A or G Status or Requesting A, G, or NATO Dependent Employment Authorization; OMB Control Number 1615-0027.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until October 14, 2008.

Written comments and suggestions regarding items contained in this notice, especially with regard to the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), USCIS, Chief, Regulatory Management Division, Clearance Office, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Suite 3008, Washington, DC 20529. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via facsimile to 202-272-8352, or via e-mail at rfs.regs@dhs.gov. When