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• *Mail:* Homeland Security Advisory Council, Department of Homeland Security, Mailstop 0850, 245 Murray Lane, SW., Washington, DC 20528.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and DHS-2008-0086, the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received by the DHS Homeland Security Advisory Council, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Myers, Homeland Security Advisory Council, Washington, DC 20528, (202) 447-3135, HSAC@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92-463). The HSAC provides independent advice to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to aide in the creation and implementation of critical and actionable policies and capabilities across the spectrum of homeland security operations. The HSAC shall periodically report, as requested, to the Secretary, on such matters. The HSAC serves as an advisory body with the goal of providing strategic, timely and actionable advice upon the request of the Secretary.

The HSAC will meet to review the ten most pressing strategic-level challenges that face the incoming Secretary of Homeland Security.

Public Participation: Members of the public may register to participate in this HSAC teleconference via the procedures that follow. Each individual must provide his or her full legal name and e-mail address and phone number no later than 5 p.m. EST., September 8, 2008, to Jennifer Myers or a staff member of the HSAC via e-mail at HSAC@dhs.gov or via phone at (202) 447-3135. HSAC conference call details will be provided to interested members of the public.

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, contact Jennifer Myers as soon as possible.

Dated: August 18, 2008.

Jeffrey D. Stern,

Executive Director, Homeland Security Advisory Committees.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2004-19621]

Dry Cargo Residue Discharges in the Great Lakes

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) which provides an assessment of the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed regulation of residue resulting from the shipping of dry cargo on the Great Lakes. We request your comments on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

DATES: Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before September 22, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number USCG-2004-19621 to the Docket Management Facility at the U.S. Department of Transportation. 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 Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(3) Hand delivery: Same as mail address above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

(4) Fax: 202-493-2251.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), please contact Mr. Greg Kirkbride, U.S. Coast Guard, telephone 202-372-1479 or e-mail Gregory.B.Kirkbride@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Ms. Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

Public Participation and Request for Comments

We encourage you to submit comments and related material on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Dry Cargo Residue Discharges in the Great Lakes. All comments received will be posted, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided. We have an agreement with the Department of Transportation to use the Docket Management Facility.

Submitting comments: If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (USCG-2004-19621), and give the reason for each comment. You may submit your comments and material by electronic means, mail, fax, or delivery to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**; but please submit your comments and material by only one means. We recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an e-mail address, or a phone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission. 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 and material received during the comment period.

Viewing the comments and FEIS: To view the comments and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Enter the docket number for this notice (USCG-2004-19621) in the Search box, and click "Go >>." If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, 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 a Privacy Act system of records notice regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008 issue of the **Federal Register** (73 FR 3316).

Background and Purpose

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) provides an assessment of the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed regulation of residue resulting from the shipping of dry cargo on the Great Lakes. The preferred alternative would amend Coast Guard regulations in accordance with an existing policy that allows the discharge of nontoxic and nonhazardous bulk dry cargo residues in limited areas in the Great Lakes, with new requirements for recordkeeping and new designated special areas where discharges would be prohibited. The USCG has the authority to regulate such discharges on the Great Lakes under Section 623 of Public Law 108-293.

Dated: August 15, 2008.

Howard L. Hime,

Acting Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards, United States Coast Guard.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard**

[Docket No. USCG-2008-0778]

Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee will meet in New Orleans to discuss various issues relating to navigational safety on the Lower Mississippi River and related waterways. This meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The Committee will meet on Thursday, September 25th, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. 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 September 12, 2008. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 12, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The Committee will meet at the New Orleans Yacht Club, 403 North Roadway West End, New Orleans, LA 70124. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Sector Commander, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) of Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee, USCG Sector New Orleans

ATTN: Waterways Management, 1615 Poydras St., New Orleans, LA 70112.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CWO3 David Chapman, Assistant to DFO of Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee, telephone 504-565-5103.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92-463).

Agenda of Meeting

The agenda for the September 25, 2008 Committee meeting is as follows:

- (1) Introduction of committee members.
- (2) Opening Remarks.
- (3) Approval of the June 26, 2008 minutes.
- (4) Old Business.
 - (a) Captain of the Port status report.
 - (b) VTS update report.
 - (c) Subcommittee/Working Groups update reports.
- (5) Adjournment.

Procedural

This meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify the DFO no later than September 12, 2008. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than September 12, 2008. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee in advance of a meeting, please submit 25 copies to the DFO no later than September 12, 2008.

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, contact the DFO as soon as possible.

Dated: July 28, 2008.

Joel R. Whitehead,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard**

[Docket No. USCG-2008-0816]

Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee; Meetings

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC) will meet in Nashville, TN, to discuss various issues relating to the training and fitness of merchant marine personnel. These meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: MERPAC will meet on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, and Wednesday, September 24, 2008, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. These meetings may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations 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 should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 10, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The Committee will meet at the Innovation Center at Vanderbilt University Center for Better Health, 3401 West End Avenue, Suite 100, Nashville, TN. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Captain Michael Blair, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) of MERPAC, at Commandant (CG-5221), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second St., SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice, as well as all task statements discussed in this notice, may be viewed in our online docket, USCG-2008-0816, at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mark Gould, Assistant to the DFO of MERPAC, at 202-372-1409.

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 Meeting

The agenda for the September 23, 2008, Committee meeting is as follows:

- (1) The full committee will meet to discuss the objectives for the meeting.
- (2) Working groups addressing the following task statements may meet to deliberate—

(a) Task Statement 30, concerning "Utilizing Military Sea Service for STCW Certifications";

(b) Task Statement 58, concerning "Stakeholder Communications During MLD Program Restructuring and Centralization"; and