

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG–2011–0171]

Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Committee Management; Notice of Committee Establishment.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Homeland Security has determined that the establishment of the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC) is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties of the U. S. Coast Guard.

Name of Committee: Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee.

ADDRESSES: If you desire to submit comments on this action, they must be submitted by April 22, 2011. Comments must be identified by (USCG–2011–0171) and may be submitted by using one of the following methods:

(1) *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

(2) *Fax:* 202–493–2251.

(3) *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.

(4) *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.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on the establishment of the MERPAC, call or e-mail Mark C. Gould, Commandant (CG–5221), Attention MERPAC, U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second St., SW., STOP 7126, Washington, DC 20593–7126; *e-mail:* mark.c.gould@uscg.mil; *fax:* (202) 372–1926. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation and Request for Comments

All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided.

Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (USCG–2011–0171), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. You may submit your comments and material online (via <http://www.regulations.gov>) or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. If you submit a comment online via <http://www.regulations.gov>, it will be considered received by the Coast Guard when you successfully transmit the comment. If you fax, hand deliver, or mail your comment, it will be considered as having been received by the Coast Guard when it is received at the Docket Management Facility. We recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an e-mail address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, click on the “submit a comment” box, which will then become highlighted in blue. In the “Document Type” drop down menu select “Notice” and insert “USCG–2011–0171” in the “Keyword” box. Click “Search” then click on the balloon shape in the “Actions” column. If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments 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 Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, click on the “read comments” box, which will then become highlighted in blue. In the “Keyword” box insert “USCG–2011–0171” and click “Search.” Click the “Open Docket Folder” in the “Actions” column. You may also visit 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. We have an agreement with the Department of Transportation to use the Docket Management Facility.

Privacy Act

Anyone can search the electronic form of 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 notice regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008, issue of the **Federal Register** (73 FR 3316).

Establishment of the Committee

For the reasons set forth below, the Secretary of Homeland Security has determined that the establishment of the MERPAC is necessary and in the public interest. This determination follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.

The MERPAC is being established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92–463). The MERPAC will act in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security through the Commandant of the Coast Guard and the Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards on matters relating to personnel in the U.S. merchant marine, including but not limited to training, qualifications, certification, documentation, and fitness standards. The MERPAC will provide focused recommendations to relevant maritime personnel issues and we anticipate that it will be very responsive to the Coast Guard’s need for recommendations on short turn-around issues. The Committee’s unique industry perspective will provide critical support to the Coast Guard’s efforts to ensure the safety of the U.S. merchant marine. This information would otherwise have to be drawn from the broad population involved in merchant vessel personnel matters. There is no other current entity which can provide the level of technical expertise and experience that is afforded by this advisory committee.

Balanced Membership Plans

The Committee membership is mandated by its charter and consists of nineteen (19) members appointed by the Secretary of Homeland Security as follows: a. Nine active U.S. Merchant

Mariners including: (1) Three deck officers who represent the viewpoint of merchant marine deck officers, two of whom shall be licensed for oceans any gross tons, one of whom shall be licensed for inland or river route with a limited or unlimited tonnage, two of whom must have master's license or a master of towing vessels license, and one of whom must have significant tanker experience; and, to the extent practicable, one of these deck officers shall represent the point of view of labor and another shall represent a management perspective; (2) three engineering officers who represent the viewpoint of merchant marine engineering officers, two of whom shall be licensed as chief engineer any horsepower, one of whom shall be licensed as either a limited chief engineer or a designated duty engineer; and, to the extent practicable, one of these engineers shall represent a labor point of view and another shall represent a management perspective; (3) two unlicensed seamen, including one who represents the viewpoint of Able-Bodied Seamen and one who represents the viewpoint of Qualified Members of the Engine Department; and (4) one Pilot who represents the viewpoint of merchant marine pilots. b. Six Marine Educators, including: (1) Three who represent the viewpoint of Maritime Academies, two of whom shall represent State Maritime Academies, and one of whom may represent either the State Maritime Academies or the Federal Maritime Academy; and (2) three who represent the viewpoint of other maritime training institutions, one of whom shall represent the viewpoint of the small vessel industry. c. Two individuals who represent the viewpoint of shipping companies employed in ship operation management. d. Two members who are drawn from the general public.

Duration: Continuing.

Responsible DHS Officials: MERPAC will provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security through the Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards, United States Coast Guard and the Commandant of the Coast Guard.

Dated: March 17, 2011.

J.G. Lantz,

Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: New Information Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: 30-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: E-Verify Program Data Collection; OMB Control No. 1615—New.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will be submitting 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 December 28, 2010, at 75 FR 81631, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. USCIS received three comments for this information collection. USCIS received 3 comments for this information collection. A discussion of the comments and USCIS' responses are discussed in item 8 of the supporting statement that can be viewed at: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until April 22, 2011. 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 Management and Budget (OMB) USCIS Desk Officer. Comments may be submitted to: USCIS, Chief, Regulatory Products Division, Office of the Executive Secretariat, Clearance Officer, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, DC 20529-2020. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via facsimile to 202-272-0997 or via e-mail at rfs.regs@dhs.gov, and to the OMB USCIS Desk Officer via facsimile at 202-395-5806 or via e-mail at ira_submission@omb.eop.gov. When submitting comments by e-mail please make sure to add E-Verify Program Data Collection 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:* New information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* E-Verify Program Data Collection.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* No Form Number; U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. The E-Verify Data Collection is necessary in order for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to obtain data from employers regarding the E-Verify Program.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 900 responses at 30 minutes (.50 hours) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 450 annual burden hours.

If you need a copy of the information collection instrument, please visit the Web site at: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Regulatory Products Division, Office of the Executive Secretariat, Clearance Officer, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20529-2020; Telephone 202-272-8377.

Dated: March 17, 2011.

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Chief, Regulatory Products Division, Office of the Executive Secretariat, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

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