

measures which can be used to assess mariner competencies in the STCW, specifically for Electro-Technical Officers and Electro-Technical Ratings; and

(4) Adjournment of meeting.

*Procedural:* A copy of all meeting documentation, including the Task Statement, is available at <https://homeport.uscg.mil> by using these key strokes: Missions; Port and Waterways Safety; Advisory Committees; MERPAC; and then use the event key. Alternatively, you may contact Mr. Henderson as noted in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

Public oral comment periods will be held during the working group meeting. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to 3 minutes. Please note that the public oral comment periods may end before the prescribed ending time indicated following the last call for comments. Contact Rogers Henderson as indicated above to register as a speaker.

Dated: November 2, 2012.

**F. J. Sturm,**

*Acting Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2012-0981]

#### Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee: Intercessional Meeting

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Working Group Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** A working group of the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC) will meet to work on Task Statement 71 concerning review of the Knowledge, Understanding and Proficiency (KUP) tables for deck and engineer officers listed in the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 as amended, for alignment with the Coast Guard examination topic tables. This meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** A MERPAC working group will meet on December 5, 2012, and December 6, 2012, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Please note that the meeting may adjourn early if all business is finished. Written comments to be distributed to working group members and placed on MERPAC's Web site are due by November 26, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The working group will meet at the Jemal Building, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Room 09-1419, 1900 Half Street, Washington, DC, 20593. Attendees will be required to provide a picture identification card and pass through a magnetometer in order to gain admittance to the Jemal Building. Visitors should also arrive at least 30 minutes in advance of the meeting in case of long lines at the entrance.

For further information about the Coast Guard facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance, contact Mr. Rogers Henderson at (202) 372-1408 or [rogers.w.henderson@uscg.mil](mailto:rogers.w.henderson@uscg.mil).

To facilitate public participation, we are inviting public comment on the issues to be considered by the work group, which are listed in the "Agenda" section below. Written comments must be identified by Docket No. USCG-2012-0981 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments (preferred method to avoid delays in processing).

- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

- *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.

- *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.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may review a Privacy Act notice regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008, issue of the **Federal Register** (73 FR 3316).

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read documents or comments related to this notice, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

This notice may be viewed in our online docket, USCG-2012-0981, at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Rogers Henderson, Alternate Designated Federal Officer of MERPAC, telephone 202-372-1408. If you have any questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

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

MERPAC is an advisory committee authorized under section 871 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Title 6, United States Code, section 451, and chartered under the provisions of the FACA. The Committee acts solely in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) 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 Committee advises, consults with, and makes recommendations reflecting its independent judgment to the Secretary.

### Agenda

#### Day 1

The agenda for the December 05, 2012, working group meeting is as follows:

- (1) Review the knowledge, understanding and proficiency (KUP) guidelines for operational level deck and engineer officers listed in the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 as amended (STCW), and submit recommendations and comments as to which of these are not covered by the examination topics found in the subject lists for deck and engine officer examinations, found in Title 46 Code of Federal Regulations § 11.910 and Table 11.950;

- (2) Public comment period;

- (3) Discuss and prepare proposed recommendations for the full committee to consider with regards to Task Statement 71, concerning review of the "STCW Code Knowledge, Understanding and Proficiency tables for alignment with the Coast Guard examination topic tables"; and

- (4) Adjournment of meeting.

#### Day 2

The agenda for the December 06, 2012, working group meeting is as follows:

- (1) Continue discussion on proposed recommendations;

- (2) Public comment period;

- (3) Discuss and prepare final recommendations for the full committee to consider with regards to Task Statement 71, concerning review of the "STCW Code Knowledge, Understanding and Proficiency tables

for alignment with the Coast Guard examination topic tables"; and  
(4) Adjournment of meeting.

*Procedural:* A copy of all meeting documentation, including the Task Statement, is available at <https://homeport.uscg.mil> by using these key strokes: Missions; Port and Waterways Safety; Advisory Committees; MERPAC; and then use the event key. Alternatively, you may contact Mr. Henderson as noted in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

Public oral comment periods will be held during the working group meeting. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to 3 minutes. Please note that the public oral comment periods may end before the prescribed ending time following the last call for comments. Contact Rogers Henderson as indicated above to register as a speaker.

Dated: November 2, 2012.

**F. J. Sturm,**

*Acting Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2012-0020; OMB No. 1660-0009]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, The Declaration Process: Requests for Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA), Requests for Supplemental Federal Disaster Assistance, Appeals, and Requests for Cost Share Adjustments

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will submit the information collection abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The submission will describe the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (i.e., the time, effort and resources used by respondents to respond) and cost, and the actual data collection instruments FEMA will use.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before December 7, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the Desk Officer for the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and sent via electronic mail to [oir.submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir.submission@omb.eop.gov) or faxed to (202) 395-5806.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Director, Records Management Division, 1800 South Bell Street, Arlington, VA 20598-3005, facsimile number (202) 646-3347, or email address [FEMA-Information-Collections-Management@dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Information-Collections-Management@dhs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Collection of Information

*Title:* The Declaration Process: Requests for Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA), Requests for Supplemental Federal Disaster Assistance, Appeals, and Requests for Cost Share Adjustments.

*Type of information collection:* Extension, without change, of a currently approved information collection.

*OMB Number:* 1660-0009.

*Form Titles and Numbers:* FEMA Form 010-0-13, Request for Presidential Disaster Declaration Major Disaster or Emergency.

*Abstract:* When a disaster occurs in a State, the Governor of the State or the Acting Governor in his/her absence, may request a major disaster declaration or an emergency declaration. The Governor should submit the request to the President through the appropriate Regional Administrator to ensure prompt acknowledgement and processing. The information obtained by joint Federal, State, and local preliminary damage assessments will be analyzed by FEMA regional senior level staff. The regional summary and the regional analysis and recommendation will include a discussion of State and local resources and capabilities, and other assistance available to meet the disaster related needs. The Administrator of FEMA provides a recommendation to the President and also provides a copy of the Governor's request. In the event the information required by law is not contained in the request, the Governor's request cannot be processed and forwarded to the White House. In the event the Governor's request for a major disaster declaration or an emergency declaration

is not granted, the Governor may appeal the decision.

*Affected Public:* State, local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 56.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 11,088 hours.

*Estimated Cost:* The estimated annual cost to respondents for the hour burden is \$469,859.04. There are no annual costs to respondents operations and maintenance costs for technical services. There is no annual start-up or capital costs. The cost to the Federal Government previously reported in the 60-day **Federal Register** Notice (77 FR 47083, Aug. 7, 2012) has been changed to \$2,952,532.52 to include the cost for the Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) for Individual Assistance.

Dated: October 26, 2012.

**Charlene D. Myrthil,**

*Director, Records Management Division, Mission Support Bureau, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-3350-EM; Docket ID FEMA-2012-0002]

#### Massachusetts; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of an Emergency Declaration

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of an emergency declaration for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (FEMA-3350-EM), dated October 28, 2012, and related determinations.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* October 31, 2012.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peggy Miller, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3886.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Administrator, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, James N. Russo, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this emergency.

This action terminates the appointment of Justo Hernández as Federal Coordinating Officer for this emergency.