

*Summary:* Title 46 United States Code 10302 and 10502 and Title 46 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 14.201 requires applicable owners, charterers, managing operators, masters, or individuals in charge to make a shipping agreement in writing with each seaman before the seaman commences employment. Additionally, 46 CFR 14.313 requires shipping companies to submit to the Coast Guard Shipping Articles three years after the article was generated; or submitted by shipping companies that go out of business or merges with another company; or upon request by the Coast Guard. Upon receipt and acceptance, Shipping Articles are transferred and archived at the Federal Records Center in Suitland, Maryland.

*Need:* This collection provides verification, identification, location and employment information of U.S. merchant mariners to the following: (1) Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies for use in criminal or civil law enforcement purposes, (2) shipping companies, (3) labor unions, (4) seaman's authorized representatives, (5) seaman's next of kin, (6) whenever the disclosure of such information would be in the best interest of the seaman or his/her family.

*Forms:* CG-705A, Shipping Articles.

*Respondents:* Shipping companies.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Hour Burden Estimate:* The estimated annual burden remains at 18,000 hours a year.

*Authority:* The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: February 7, 2019.

**James D. Roppel,**

*U.S. Coast Guard, Chief, Office of Information Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2019-0036]

### Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee and its subcommittee will meet in Houston, TX, to discuss committee matters relating to the safe and secure marine

transportation of hazardous materials. All meetings will be open to the public.

#### DATES:

*Meetings:* The Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee subcommittee will meet on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The full Committee will meet on Thursday, March 21, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please note that the meetings may close early if the committee has completed its business.

*Comments and supporting documentation:* To ensure your comments are received by committee members before the meetings, submit your written comments no later than March 6, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at United States Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston, 13411 Hilliard St. Houston, TX 77034.

*Pre-registration Information:* Pre-registration is required for access to Sector Houston-Galveston. Foreign nationals participating will be required to pre-register no later than noon on February 13, 2019, to be admitted to the meeting. U.S. citizens participating will be required to pre-register no later than noon on February 20, 2018, to be admitted to the meeting. To pre-register, contact Lieutenant Commander Julie Blanchfield at [julie.e.blanchfield@uscg.mil](mailto:julie.e.blanchfield@uscg.mil) or (202) 372-1419. You will be asked to provide your name, telephone number, email, and company or group with which you are affiliated; if a foreign national, also provide your country of citizenship, passport country, country of residence, place of birth, passport number, and passport expiration date. All attendees will be required to provide a REAL-ID Act-compliant government-issued picture identification card in order to gain admittance to the base. For information on REAL ID and to check the compliance status of your state/territory, please see <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id>.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the Alternate Designated Federal Officer as soon as possible using the contact information provided in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

*Instructions:* You are free to submit comments at any time, including orally at the meetings, but if you want committee members to review your comment before the meeting, please submit your comments no later than March 6, 2019. We are particularly interested in comments on the issues in the "Agenda" section below. You must

include "Department of Homeland Security" and docket number USCG-2019-0036. Written comments may also be submitted using Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. If you encounter difficulties with comments submission, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may review the Privacy Act and Security Notice for the Federal Docket Management System at <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice>.

*Docket Search:* For access to the docket to read documents or comments related to this notice, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG-2019-0036 in the "SEARCH" box, press Enter, and then click on the item you wish to view.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lieutenant Commander Julie Blanchfield, Alternate Designated Federal Officer of the Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Stop 7509, Washington, DC 20593-7509, Telephone 202-372-1419, Facsimile 202-372-8380, or electronic mail: [julie.e.blanchfield@uscg.mil](mailto:julie.e.blanchfield@uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is in compliance with the *Federal Advisory Committee Act*, Title 5 U.S.C., Appendix.

The Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Department of Homeland Security on matters relating to the safe and secure marine transportation of hazardous materials insofar as they relate to matters within the United States Coast Guard's jurisdiction.

#### Agenda

March 20, 2019

The subcommittee meeting will separately address the following task statement: #13-03—Recommendations on Safety Standards for the Design of Vessels Carrying Liquefied Gas as Cargo.

The task statement and other subcommittee information is located at Homeport at the following address: <https://homeport.uscg.mil/missions/ports-and-waterways/safety-advisory-committees/ctac/subcommittees-and-working-groups>. The agenda for each will include the following:

- (1) Introductions and review subcommittee task statement.
- (2) Work on assigned tasks mentioned above.

(3) Discuss and prepare any proposed recommendations for the Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee meeting on March 21, 2019.

(4) Public comment period.

(5) Adjournment of meeting.

March 21, 2019

The agenda for the Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2019, is as follows:

(1) Introductions and opening remarks.

(2) Swear in newly appointed committee members, and thank outgoing members.

(3) Review of March 8, 2018, meeting minutes and status of task items.

(4) U.S. Coast Guard Leadership Remarks.

(5) Chairman's and Designated Federal Officer's remarks.

(6) Committee will review, discuss, and formulate recommendations on the following items:

a. Task Statement #13-03: Recommendations on Safety Standards for the Design of Vessels Carrying Liquefied Gas as Cargo.

(7) United States Coast Guard update on International Maritime Organization activities as they relate to the marine transportation of hazardous materials.

(8) Presentation of interest related to safe and secure shipment of hazardous materials.

(9) New business and subcommittee recommendation discussion.

(10) Set next meeting date and location.

(11) Public comment period.

(12) Adjournment of meeting.

A public oral comment period will be held during the subcommittee and the full committee meeting concerning matters being discussed. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to 3 minutes. Please note that the public comment period may end before the time indicated, following the last call for comments. Please contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section, to register as a speaker.

A copy of all meeting documentation will be available at <https://homeport.uscg.mil/missions/ports-and-waterways/safety-advisory-committees/ctac/full-committee-meetings> no later than March 14, 2019. Alternatively, you may contact Lieutenant Commander Julie Blanchfield as noted in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

Dated: February 11, 2019.

**Jeffrey G. Lantz,**

*Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[Docket Number USCG-2018-0193]

#### Polar Security Cutter Program; Notice of Availability of Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Coast Guard, as lead agency, announces the availability of the final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the Polar Security Cutter Program's design, build, and operation of up to six polar security cutters (PSC).

**DATES:** The U.S. Coast Guard will not issue a final decision on the proposal for a minimum of 30 days after the date on which the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes its Notice of Availability (NOA) of the final EIS in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the final EIS have been sent to affected Federal, State, and local governments; public libraries in the Project area; and interested parties that previously requested a copy. The final EIS and other supporting documents will be published in the docket at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=USCG-2018-0193> and also on the following U.S. Coast Guard website: [https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Portals/10/CG-9/Acquisition%20PDFs/CG\\_PSC\\_Final%20PEIS\\_05%20Feb%202019.pdf?ver=2019-02-08-121637-803&timestamp=1549650805158](https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Portals/10/CG-9/Acquisition%20PDFs/CG_PSC_Final%20PEIS_05%20Feb%202019.pdf?ver=2019-02-08-121637-803&timestamp=1549650805158).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions about this notice of availability, email Ms. Christine Wiegand, Assistant Program Manager, Polar Security Cutter Program, U.S. Coast Guard; email [PIBEnvironment@uscg.mil](mailto:PIBEnvironment@uscg.mil).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Table of Abbreviations

CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CGC	Coast Guard Cutter
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
FR	Federal Register
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
PIBs	Polar Icebreakers
PSCs	Polar Security Cutters

U.S.C. United States Code

### Background and Purpose

The Final EIS was prepared in accordance with the requirements of NEPA; the CEQ regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1508); DHS procedures for implementing NEPA (DHS Instruction Manual 023-01-001-01 (series)), U.S. Coast Guard procedures for implementing NEPA (COMDTINST 16475.1(series)); and other applicable DHS and U.S. Coast Guard policies and guidance. A Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare the EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on April 26, 2018 (83 FR 18319) and the Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on August 6, 2018 (83 FR 38317). The U.S. Coast Guard is the lead agency for the proposed action.

The purpose of the proposed action is to design, build, and operate new PSCs to carry out the U.S. Coast Guard's primary missions supported by the current polar icebreaker fleet. Expected missions include Ice Operations, Defense Readiness, Aids to Navigation, Living Marine Resources, Marine Safety, Marine Environmental Protection, Other Law Enforcement, Ports, Waterways, and Coastal Security, and Search and Rescue.

The U.S. Coast Guard's current fleet of PIBs consists of two heavy icebreakers, Coast Guard Cutter (CGC) POLAR STAR and CGC POLAR SEA, and one medium icebreaker, CGC HEALY. The U.S. Coast Guard's heavy icebreakers have both exceeded their designed 30 year service life. The current PSC program acquisition strategy is approved to construct up to three heavy PSCs and may (at a future date) potentially expand to include up to three medium icebreakers, with planned service design lives of 30 years each. The first of these new PSCs is expected to be delivered in 2023. Because the first new PSC would not be operational in the Polar Regions until at least 2023, new information may become available after the completion of this EIS. In that case, supplemental NEPA documentation may, as appropriate, be prepared in support of individual proposed actions. Examples of new information may include, but are not limited to, changes to a species listing status or any other applicable laws and directives, and information regarding mission, training, homeporting, maintenance, and eventual decommissioning of the new PSCs.

In executing its various missions, the U.S. Coast Guard protects the public, the environment, and U.S. economic and security interests in any maritime