

and persons are prohibited from anchoring, diving, dredging, dumping, fishing, trawling, laying cable, or conducting salvage operations in this zone except as authorized by the Captain of the Port, Portland, Maine. Innocent transit through the area within the safety zone is not affected by this section and does not require the authorization of the Captain of the Port.

Dated: September 15, 1995.

Burton S. Russell,

Commander, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Portland, Maine.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

43 CFR Part 3170

Coalbed Methane

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby gives notice that it is extending the public comment period on a Notice of Proposed Rule, which was published in the Federal Register on September 15, 1995 (60 FR 47920). The proposed rule would add a new part to the oil and gas leasing regulations. This regulation is intended to encourage the production of coalbed methane in States where production has been impeded by conflicts in ownership. In response to public requests for additional time, BLM extends the comment period 15 days from November 14, 1995, to November 29, 1995.

DATES: Comments should be submitted by November 29, 1995. Comments received or postmarked after the above date may not be considered in the decision making process on the final rule.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: Director (420), Bureau of Land Management, Room 401 LS, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240. Comments can also be sent to internet!WO140@attmail.com. Please include "attn:AC27" and your name and address in your internet message. Comments will be available for review at the above address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David R. Stewart, Bureau of Land

Management, Eastern States Office at (703) 440-1728.

Dated: November 6, 1995.

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Assistant Director, Resource Use and Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

46 CFR Parts 10, 12, and 15

[CGD 95-062]

International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as Revised by the 1995 Amendments to It

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of inquiry.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard seeks information that may be useful in calculating the costs and benefits of implementing the 1995 Amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978. This information will be useful in evaluating alternative regulatory approaches, especially where the 1995 Amendments allow some flexibility in how particular new requirements can be implemented to improve the training and assessment of candidates for merchant mariners' licenses and endorsements.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 12, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Marine Safety Council (G-LRA, 3406) [CGD 95-062], U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, or may be delivered to room 3406 at the same address between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (202) 267-1477. Comments on collection-of-information requirements must be mailed also to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: Desk Officer, U.S. Coast Guard.

The Executive Secretary maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room 3406, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

A copy of the 1995 Amendments to STCW may be obtained by writing

Commandant (G-MOS), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, or by calling (202) 267-0214, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Requests may also be submitted by facsimile at (202) 267-4570.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Randall N. Crenwelge, Standards Evaluation and Development Division (G-MES), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, telephone (202) 267-6220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Information

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to participate in this inquiry by submitting written data, views, or arguments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this inquiry [CGD 95-062] and the specific section or question of this document to which each comment or question applies, and give the reason for each comment. Please submit two copies of all comments and attachments in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose stamped, self-addressed postcards or envelopes. The Coast Guard will consider all comments received during the comment period.

The Coast Guard held a public meeting on August 31, 1995, in Washington, DC. Persons may request additional public meetings by writing to the Marine Safety Council at the address under ADDRESSES. The request should include the reasons why a hearing would be beneficial. If it determines that another opportunity for oral presentations will aid this rulemaking, the Coast Guard will hold another public meeting at a time and place announced by a later notice in the Federal Register.

Drafting Information. The principal persons involved in drafting this document are Mr. Randall N. Crenwelge, Project Manager, Standards Evaluation and Development Division (G-MES), and Mr. Patrick J. Murray, Project Counsel, Regulations and Administrative Law Division (G-LRA).

Background and Purpose

On July 7, 1995, a Conference of Parties to STCW, meeting at the headquarters of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in London, adopted a package of amendments to STCW. The amendments will enter into force on February 1, 1997, unless a third of the