

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 1, 1995, we announced in the Federal Register our intent to begin tests on or about November 1, 1995 of the procedures to be conducted by an adjudication officer (60 FR 55642). At that time we identified nine test sites; all of the test sites listed in that notice were in State Agencies which make disability determinations for us. We are now planning additional tests of the adjudication officer procedures and at this time we are announcing an additional 17 test sites. All of these additional test sites are offices of the Social Security Administration. We plan to begin these tests on or about February 1, 1996. We will continue these tests for approximately 12 months. The sites selected present a mix of geographic areas and case loads. We expect that these tests, together with the tests already being conducted in State Agencies, will provide us with sufficient information to determine the effect of the adjudication officer position on the administrative review process. We will publish another notice in the Federal Register if we extend the duration of any of the tests or expand further the number of test sites. The tests discussed in this notice will be conducted at the following seventeen Social Security Administration locations:

- SSA, Office of Hearings and Appeals, 555 Main Street, Suite 900, Norfolk, VA 23510
- SSA, District Office, 2600 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90057
- SSA, District Office, 500 Gene Reed Road, Suite 218, Birmingham, AL 35215
- SSA, District Office, 8585 W 14th Ave, Lakewood, CO 80215
- SSA, Office of Hearings and Appeals, American Financial Center, Building #1 Suite 300, 2400 Louisiana NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110
- SSA, Office of Hearings and Appeals, 1642 Kentucky Ave, Paducah, KY 42001
- SSA, District Office, 401 South State Street, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60605
- SSA, District Office, 200 North High Street, Rm 225, Columbus, OH 43215
- SSA, Office of Hearings and Appeals, 1001 Office Park Rd, Suite 305, West Des Moines, IA 50265
- SSA, District Office, 380 Westminster Mall, Room 318, Providence, RI 02903
- SSA, District Office, 30 Quaker Lane, 1st floor, Warwick, RI 02886
- SSA, Western Payment Service Center, 1221 Nevin Ave, Richmond, CA 94801

- SSA, Office of Hearings and Appeals, 26 Federal Plaza Room 3954, New York, NY 10278

- SSA, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Federal Building Room 3-B, 300 West Congress St, Tucson, AZ 85701

- SSA, San Patricio Branch Office, Rexam BLDG 7th floor, 1510 Roosevelt Avenue, Guaynabo, PR 00968

- SSA, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Suite 300, 1500 Valley River Drive, Eugene, OR 97401

- SSA, Office of Disability and International Operations (ODIO), 3-B-21 Tower, 1500 Security Drive, Baltimore, MD 21241

Not all hearing requests received in the test sites listed above will be handled under the test procedures. However, if a request for a hearing is selected to be handled by an adjudication officer as part of the test, the claim will be processed under the procedures established under the final regulations cited above. We currently plan to conduct these alone; they will not be conducted in combination with one or more of the tests we plan to conduct pursuant to the final rules "Testing Modifications to the Disability Determination Procedures" published in the Federal Register on April 24, 1995 (60 FR 20023). However, if we test the use of the adjudication officer in combination with the provisions of the final rules on "Testing Modifications to the Disability Determination Procedures," we will publish the locations and dates of the tests in the Federal Register.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[CGD 95-083]

Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC); Extension of deadline regarding applications for membership on CTAC

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Extension of deadline for applications.

SUMMARY: In order to increase the pool of applicants, the Coast Guard is extending the deadline for applications for appointment to membership on CTAC as was initially published in [CGD 95-083] on November 15, 1995 [60 FR 57475].

DATES: Completed applications and résumés should be submitted to the Coast Guard before March 18, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Persons interested in applying for membership on CTAC may obtain an application form by writing to Commandant (G-MOS-3), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, or by calling the points of contact listed in the following paragraph.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commander Kevin S. Cook, Executive Director, or Lieutenant Rick J. Raksnis, Assistant to the Executive Director, Commandant (G-MOS-3), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; telephone (202) 267-1217, fax (202) 267-4570.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CTAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Chief, Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection on matters relating to the safe transportation and handling of hazardous materials in bulk on U.S. flag vessels and barges in U.S. ports and waterways. The advice and recommendations of CTAC also assist the U.S. Coast Guard in formulating U.S. positions prior to meetings of the International Maritime Organization.

The Committee meets at last once a year at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC. Special meetings may also be called. Subcommittee meetings are held to consider specific problems as required.

Applications will be considered for seven positions that expire or become vacant in June 1996. To be eligible, applicants should have experience in chemical manufacturing, marine transportation of chemicals, occupational safety and health, or environmental protection issues associated with chemical transportation. Each member serves for a term of 3 years. Members of the Committee serve at their own expense and receive no salary, reimbursement of travel expenses, or other compensation from the Federal Government.

In support of the U.S. Department of Transportation's policy on ethnic and gender diversity, the Coast Guard is especially seeking applications from qualified women and minority group members.

Dated: January 25, 1996.

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Director for Standards, Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.

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