

amended the program and in June 1995 the revised plan was released for public comment. Texas considered the comments in the preparation of the TCMP program submitted to NOAA in October 1995. Copies of the State's October program submittal document are available from NOAA. See address below.

Given the public process used to develop the TCMP, no scoping meetings are planned for the development of the DEIS. However, comments are solicited regarding the range of alternatives in the DEIS that have been identified in this notice. The decision whether to approve, deny or delay approval would be based primarily on the extent that the Texas Coastal Program satisfies the requirements of Section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act. Therefore, NOAA also solicits comments on the proposed Federal approval of the TCMP and the other alternatives under Section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act, particularly with respect to the adequacy of the TCMP on the following issues:

- (1) The State's Coastal Zone Boundary;
- (2) The coastal policies in terms of specificity, scope and enforceability;
- (3) The scope and geographic coverage of the laws and regulations identified in the TCMP to manage impacts on important coastal resources such as: wetlands, tidal flats, submerged grasses, beaches and dunes and other valuable natural resources;
- (4) The mechanisms for State agency coordination and consultation in order to ensure compliance with the State's coastal policies and effective implementation of the TCMP;
- (5) The consideration of the national interest in, the need for, and management of, oil and gas and other energy related facilities and activities, ports, navigation projects, major water dependent activities and other activities of national interest; and
- (6) The enhancement, coordination and simplification of State and local governmental decision making;

**DATES:** Individuals or organizations wishing to submit comments on the range of alternatives, the underlying issues for decision, or other issues should do so by May 22, 1996. Any comments received after that date will be included with the comments received on the DEIS and accordingly made part of the record. The dates for public meetings on the DEIS will be the subject of a subsequent notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for the above described documents and all comments should be made to:

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
National Ocean Service,  
Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management,  
Coastal Programs Division, Gulf/Caribbean Region  
1305 East-West Highway (N/ORM3)  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910  
Attention: Bill O'Beirne

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill O'Beirne at tel. 301/713-3109 x160; fax (301) 713-4367; internet [bobeirne@coasts.nos.noaa.gov].

Dated: April 16, 1996.  
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David L. Evans,  
*Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.*

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### Technology Administration

#### **Under Secretary for Technology; National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee; Notice of Determination For Closure of Meeting**

The National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee has scheduled a meeting for April 19, 1996. Late notice of this meeting is being provided due to several exceptional circumstances. Recently a decision was made to change the date of the National Medal of Technology Award ceremony from October to June of each year. In order to meet the new program schedule, the National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee must meet no later than April 19, 1996. Also, the publication of this notice has been delayed because of the recent untimely death of the Secretary of Commerce.

The Committee was established to assist the Department in executing its responsibilities under 15 U.S.C. 3711. Under this provision, the Secretary is responsible for recommending to the President prospective recipients of the National Medal of Technology. The Committee's recommendations are made after reviewing all nominations received in response to a public solicitation. The Committee is chartered to have from six to twelve members, of which nine are now serving. Three additional Committee members are in the process of being appointed.

The meeting will be closed to discuss the relative merits of persons and companies nominated for the Medal.

Public disclosure of this information would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of the National Medal of Technology program because premature publicity about candidates under consideration for the Medal, who may or may not ultimately receive the award, would be likely to discourage nominations for the Medal.

Accordingly, I find and determine, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended, that the April 19, 1996, meeting may be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c)(9)(B) of Title 5, United States Code because revealing information about Medal candidates would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action.

Dated: April 16, 1996.  
Raymond G. Kammer,  
*Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration.*

Dated: April 16, 1996.  
Barbara S. Fredericks  
*Assistant General Counsel for Administration.*  
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### **CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

#### **Sunshine Act Meeting**

**TIME AND DATE:** Thursday, April 25, 1996.

**LOCATION:** Room 410, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Closed to the Public.

#### **MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:**

Compliance Status Report

The staff will brief the Commission on the status of various compliance matters.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Dated: April 17, 1996.  
Sadye E. Dunn,  
*Secretary.*  
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