

the United States and its nationals. The American Embassy in Tripoli remains closed, thus preventing the United States from providing routine diplomatic protection or consular assistance to Americans who may travel to Libya.

In light of these events and circumstances, I have determined that Libya continues to be an area " * * * where there is imminent danger to the public health or physical safety of United States travelers" within the meaning of 22 U.S.C. 221a and 22 CFR 51.73(a)(3).

Accordingly, all United States passports shall remain invalid for travel to, in, or through Libya unless specifically validated for such travel under the authority of the Secretary of State.

This Public Notice shall be effective upon publication in the Federal Register and shall expire at midnight November 24, 1997, unless extended or sooner revoked by Public Notice.

Dated: October 28, 1996.

Warren M. Christopher,
Secretary of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

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Availability of Great Lakes Icebreaking Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Public Meeting November 14, 1996

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Great Lakes Icebreaking Draft (EIS) and public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 122(2) (c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council of Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Coast Guard Guidelines (COMDTINST M16475.1B); the Coast Guard, U.S. Department of Transportation, gives notice of the following actions.

1. This notice is to announce the preparation of a draft EIS for icebreaking in the Great Lakes by the Ninth Coast Guard District and requests comments on this document.

DATES: 1. We will conduct a public meeting to receive comments on the EIS on November 14, 1996 at 10:00 am.

ADDRESSES: Requests for the EIS, or questions and comments on the EIS should be directed to: Gary Nelson at the U.S. Coast Guard, Civil Engineering

Unit, 1240 East 9th Street, Room 2179, Cleveland, Ohio 44199-2060. The public meeting will be held in the Coast Guard 20th floor conference room in the Anthony J. Celebreeze Federal Building, 1240 East 9th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44199-2060.

For further information contact Gary Nelson at telephone (216) 522-3934, extension 635.

The EIS can be reviewed at the following locations:

Coast Guard Civil Engineering Unit,
Anthony J. Celebreeze Federal
Building, Cleveland, OH
Coast Guard Group Buffalo, Buffalo, NY
Coast Guard Group Sault, St. Marie, MI
Coast Guard Group Grand Haven, MI,
Coast Guard Group Milwaukee, WI
Coast Guard Group Detroit, MI
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Detroit
District, Detroit, MI
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Saginaw
Area Office, MI
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Grand
Haven Area Office, MI
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Duluth
Area Office, MN
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo
District, Buffalo, NY
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,
Cleveland Area Office, OH
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago
District, Chicago, IL
Vaughn Library, Ashland, WI
Milwaukee Public Library, Document
Department, Milwaukee, WI
U W Wendt Library, Madison, WI
Superior Public Library, Superior, WI
Duluth Public Library, Duluth, MN
Two Harbors Library, Two Harbors, MN
U of Illinois Library, Document Dept. at
Chicago Circle, Chicago, IL
Municipal Reference Library, Chicago,
IL
Northern Illinois Library, Dekalb, IL
R P Flower Library, Watertown, NY
Miner Center Library, Chazy, NY
Public Library, Michigan, City, IN
Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN
University Library, Bowling Green, OH
State Library, Columbus, OH
City Library, Ashtabula, OH
Downtown Public Library, Cleveland,
OH
Public Library, Petoskey, MI
Great Lakes Marine Academy Library,
Traverse City, MI
Maud Preston Palenske Library, St.
Joseph, MI
St. Clair County Library, Port Huron, MI
U M Natural Science Library, Ann
Arbor, MI
U M North Engineering Library, Ann
Arbor, MI
Public Library Tech and Science Dept
Detroit, MI
Eastern MI U Library, Ypsilanti, MI

Lake Superior State College Library,
Sault, Ste Marie, MI
Bayliss Public Library, Sault, Ste Marie,
MI

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Proposed Action

The preparation and announcement of an EIS on Great Lakes icebreaking and a public meeting November 14, 1996 in Cleveland, Ohio.

2. Alternatives

No icebreaking was the only alternative compared to the preferred alternative of icebreaking as proposed.

3. Coordination

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended, and Coast Guard policy we encourage all interested or affected parties to participate in the public comment process. The comment process includes public participation to integrate information regarding public needs and concerns into the environmental document.

Agencies and the public are encouraged to provide written comments. These comments should specifically describe environmental issues or topics which the commentator believes the document should address. Written statements should be mailed to the aforementioned Coast Guard address no later than December 9, 1996.

Discussion of Announcement

The EIS and public meeting is to address the impact of breaking ice in shipping channels in the Great Lakes. During 1996 and each year thereafter we proposed to break ice in the shipping channels within the Great Lakes.

The U.S. Coast Guard conducts icebreaking under authority of Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 100 (33 CFR 100). Icebreaking represents a federal agency action subject to review procedures established to implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Therefore, this EIS is written in order to comply with our procedures for NEPA implementation.

Drafting Information

The drafter of this announcement is Gary Nelson, U.S. Coast Guard, Civil Engineering Unit, Cleveland, OH.

Dated: October 30, 1996.

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