

2. Filing of condemnation cases.  
3. New investment managers and proposed new Investment Management Agreements between the TVA Retirement System and State Street Bank and Trust Company and Rowe-price Fleming International, Inc.

4. Extension of teaming agreement (Contract No. TV-94218V) with Team Associates, Inc.

For more information: Please call TVA Public Relations at (423) 632-6000, Knoxville, Tennessee. Information is also available at TVA's Washington Office (202) 898-2999.

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William L. Osteen,

*Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[CGD 97-003]

#### Additional Hazards Study

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the initiation of a study that will evaluate the hazards related to potential oil spills by commercial ships while in transit. This study is being completed by the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center on behalf of the U.S. Coast Guard and Department of Transportation (DOT) pursuant to the Presidential Directive to the Secretary to review overall marine safety in the waters in and around Puget Sound. This notice also solicits public comments on the proposed study and invites qualified personnel to apply for membership on an expert panel. Two public workshops will also be held to gather information from stakeholders on possible problems and solutions.

**DATES:** The following dates apply:

1. Duplicate public workshops will be held on March 6, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

2. Submit comments concerning this notice on or before March 14, 1997.

3. Submit applications for membership on the expert panel on or before February 26, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The following addresses apply:

1. The workshops will be held at the Cavanaugh's Inn on Fifth Avenue, 1415 Fifth Ave., Seattle, WA 98101.

2. Comments may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Marine Safety

Council (G-LRA/3406) [CGD 97-003], 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 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (202) 267-1477.

The Executive Secretary maintains the public docket for this project. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room 3406, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

3. Applications for membership on the expert panel should be submitted to Mr. Mike Dyer, Volpe Center/DTS-72, Kendall Square, Cambridge, MA 02142-1093, or faxed to (617) 494-3066.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** LT Duane Boniface, Human Element and Ship Design Division (G-MSE-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, telephone 202-267-0178, fax 202-267-4816, email fldr-he@comdt.uscg.mil.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to submit written data, views, or arguments, concerning the subject matter of this notice. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this docket (CGD 97-003), and give the reason for each comment, providing specific examples whenever possible. Please submit two copies of all comments and attachments in an unbound format, no longer 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.

##### Qualifications Necessary for Membership on the Expert Panel

Applicants for membership on the expert panel must have at least ten years of experience in the field that they represent and be available to attend a workshop in the Seattle area for three days during the first week of April 1997. Additionally, experts must be available to participate in correspondence sessions before and after the expert panel workshop in order to provide insight and guidance. The fields of expertise requested are: marine and coastal environments; shipping operations and safety; risk assessment; pilotage; navigation of the waters in and around Puget Sound; response

planning and capabilities; assistance towing; macro-ergonomics; and fisheries. To be considered, applicants should forward a resume by mail or fax to the address for applications listed under **ADDRESSES**.

#### Background and Purpose

The Volpe National Transportation Systems Center (Volpe) is performing a study entitled "The Additional Hazards Study" on behalf of the U.S. Coast Guard and Department of Transportation in accordance with a Presidential Directive issued in 1996. This study will evaluate all measures, current and planned, intended to reduce the hazards of major oil spills (including crude oil, refined product, and bunker) by commercial ships while transiting the waters of Puget Sound, the Straits of Juan de Fuca, and the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. An example of one of these measures is the planned International Tug of Opportunity System (ITOS), which is a system designed to coordinate tugs responding to disabled vessels off the Olympic Coast.

This study represents another step in a continuous improvement process to address maritime concerns in the Pacific Northwest. Development of this project began in early December 1996, and is intended to be completed during the summer of 1997. It is critical that all marine interests in the Pacific Northwest be accurately represented; therefore, stakeholders representing various concerns have been, and are being, contacted.

There are four primary stages comprising this study which must be completed before the deadline. The first three stages primarily involve collection of information and include analysis of data from the pertinent databases, review of the current and planned marine safety and environmental protection (MSEP) system, and acquisition of stakeholder input on the hazards and potential improvements through comments and participation in public workshops. Although representatives of Volpe are ultimately responsible for the collection and analysis of this information, Volpe will use a panel of experts to assist them with their analysis. This panel of experts will compile the information obtained in the first three stages into a list of hazards, ranked by level of risk, and measures which may mitigate those hazards.

Volpe's final report will include a list of hazards, ranked by level of risk, and a corresponding listing of measures which might mitigate those hazards. The report will be used as a basis to

focus further review of marine safety measures for the Puget Sound area.

Dated: February 11, 1997.

Joseph J. Angelo,

*Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.*

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## National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

### Research and Development Programs Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting at which NHTSA will describe and discuss specific research and development projects. Further, the notice requests suggestions for topics to be presented by the agency.

**DATES AND TIMES:** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will hold a public meeting devoted primarily to presentations of specific research and development projects on March 11, 1997, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and ending at approximately 5 p.m. The deadline for interested parties to suggest agenda topics is 4:15 p.m. on February 21, 1997. Questions may be submitted in advance regarding the agency's research and development projects. They must be submitted in writing by February 27, 1997, to the address given below. If sufficient time is available, questions received after the February 27 date will be answered at the meeting in the discussion period. The individual, group, or company asking a question does not have to be present for the question to be answered. A consolidated list of the questions submitted by February 27 will be available at the meeting and will be mailed to requesters after the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hilton Suites, Detroit Metro Airport, 8600 Wickham Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. Suggestions for specific R&D topics as described below and questions for the March 11, 1997, meeting relating to the agency's research and development programs should be submitted to the Office of the Associate Administrator for Research and Development, NRD-01, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 6206, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590. The fax number is 202-366-5930.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NHTSA intends to provide detailed

presentations about its research and development programs in a series of public meetings. The series started in April 1993. The purpose is to make available more complete and timely information regarding the agency's research and development programs. This sixteenth meeting in the series will be held on March 11, 1997.

NHTSA requests suggestions from interested parties on the specific agenda topics to be presented. NHTSA will base its decisions about the agenda, in part, on the suggestions it receives by close of business at 4:15 p.m. on February 21, 1997. Before the meeting, it will publish a notice with an agenda listing the research and development topics to be discussed. The agenda can also be obtained by calling or faxing the information numbers listed elsewhere in this notice. NHTSA asks that the suggestions be limited to six, in priority order, so that the presentations at the March 11 R&D meeting can be most useful to the audience. Specific R&D topics are listed below. Many of these topics have been discussed at previous meetings. Suggestions for agenda topics are not restricted to this listing, and interested parties are invited to suggest other R&D topics of specific interest to their organizations.

Specific R&D topics are:

On-line tracking system for NHTSA's research projects, and Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network (CIREN).

Specific Crashworthiness R&D topics are:

Status of air bag aggressiveness and advanced air bag research, Demonstration of CD ROM for child restraint/vehicle compatibility, Preparation of new dummies for assessment of advanced air bag technology, Status of research on restraint systems for rollover protection, Improved frontal crash protection (program status, problem identification, offset testing),

Advanced glazing research, Vehicle aggressivity and fleet compatibility, Upgrade side crash protection, Upgrade seat and occupant restraint systems, Child safety research (ISOFIX), Child restraint/air bag interaction (CRABI) dummy testing, Truck crashworthiness/occupant protection, National Transportation Biomechanics Research Center (NTBRC), Head and neck injury research, Lower extremity injury research, Thorax injury research, Human injury simulation and analysis, Refinements to the Hybrid III dummy, and Advanced frontal test dummy.

Specific Crash Avoidance R&D topics are:

Strategic plan for NHTSA's Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) crash avoidance research, Status and plans for anti-lock brake system (ABS) research, Truck tire traction, Portable data acquisition system for crash avoidance research (DASCAR), Systems to enhance EMS response (automatic collision notification), Crash causal analysis, Human factors guidelines for crash avoidance warning devices, Longer combination vehicle safety, Drowsy driver monitoring, Driver workload assessment, Pedestrian detection devices for school bus safety, Preliminary rearend collision avoidance system guidelines, Preliminary road departure collision avoidance system guidelines, Preliminary intersection collision avoidance system guidelines, and Preliminary lane change/merge collision avoidance system guidelines.

National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NCSA) topic is:

Special crash investigation studies of air bag cases.

Separately, questions regarding research projects that have been submitted in writing not later than close of business on February 27, 1997, will be answered. A transcript of the meeting, copies of materials handed out at the meeting, and copies of the suggestions offered by commenters will be available for public inspection in the NHTSA's Technical Reference Division, Room 5108, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590. Copies of the transcript will then be available at 10 cents a page, upon request to NHTSA's Technical Reference Division. The Technical Reference Division is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NHTSA will provide technical aids to participants as necessary, during the Research and Development Programs Meeting. Thus, any person desiring the assistance of "auxiliary aids" (e.g., sign-language interpreter, telecommunication devices for deaf persons (TTDs), readers, taped texts, braille materials, or large print materials and/or a magnifying device), please contact Rita Gibbons on 202-366-4862 by close of business March 5, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rita Gibbons, Staff Assistant, Office of Research and Development, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-4862. Fax number: 202-366-5930.

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Ralph J. Hitchcock,

*Acting Associate Administrator for Research and Development.*

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