

TYPE OF MEETING: These meetings will be open to the public. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Handicapped individuals wishing to attend should contact DOT to obtain appropriate accommodations.

POINT OF CONTACT: John E. Budnik or Jean B. Lenderking, Corporate Effectiveness Division, M-13, Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., room 9425, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-9439 or (202) 366-8085, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to provide an update of current issues within the Department of Transportation including strategic planning, welfare-to-work initiatives, and partnership survey.

Public Participation: We invite interested persons and organizations to submit comments. Mail or deliver your comments or recommendations to Ms. Jean Lenderking at the address shown above. Comments should be received by June 2, 1997 in order to be considered at the June 11 meeting.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 16, 1997.

For the Department of Transportation.

John E. Budnik,

Associate Director, Corporate Effectiveness Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[CGD 97-025]

Application for Recertification of Cook Inlet Regional Citizens' Advisory Council

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the availability of the application for recertification submitted by the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (CIRCAC) for June 1, 1997, through May 31, 1998. Under the Oil Terminal and Oil Tanker Environmental Oversight and Monitoring Act of 1990 (the Act), the Coast Guard may certify, on an annual basis, an alternative voluntary advisory group (advisory group) in lieu of Regional Citizens' Advisory Councils for Cook Inlet Alaska.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 23, 1997.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to the Executive Secretary, Marine Safety

Council (G-LRA/ 3406) (CGD 97-025), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, or deliver them 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 application may be reviewed at the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens' Advisory Council's Office, 910 Highland Avenue, Kenai, Alaska 99611-8033, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (907) 283-7222.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information regarding the CIRCAC contact Mr. Mark Meza, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Directorate, Office of Response, (G-MOR-1), (202) 267-0421.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to submit written data, views, or arguments. It solicits comments from interested groups including oil terminal facility owners and operators, owners and operators of crude oil tankers calling at the terminal facilities, and fishing, aquacultural, recreational and environmental citizens groups, concerning the recertification application of CIRCAC. If you submit a comment, please include your name and address, identify this docket (CGD 97-025) and specify the section of the application to which your comment applies. 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. If you want confirmation that the Coast Guard has received your comments you should enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. The Coast Guard will consider all comments received during the comment period.

Background

The Coast Guard published guidelines on December 31, 1992, (57 FR 62600) to assist groups seeking recertification under the Act. The Coast Guard issued a policy statement on July 7, 1993 (58 FR 36505), to clarify the factors that the Coast Guard would be considering in making its determination as to whether advisory groups should be certified in accordance with the Act; and the procedures which the Coast Guard would follow in meeting its certification responsibilities under the Act.

The Coast Guard has received an application for recertification of

CIRCAC, the currently certified advisory group for the Cook Inlet region. In accordance with the review and certification process contained in the policy statement, the Coast Guard announces the availability of that application. At the conclusion of the comment period, the Coast Guard will review all application materials and comments received and will take one of the following actions:

(a) Recertify the advisory group under 33 U.S.C. 2732(o).

(b) Issue a conditional recertification for a period of 90 days, with a statement of any discrepancies which must be corrected to qualify for recertification for the remainder of the year.

(c) Deny recertification of the advisory group if the Coast Guard finds that the group is not broadly representative of the interests and communities in the area or is not adequately fostering the goals and purposes of the Act.

The Coast Guard will notify CIRCAC by letter of the action taken on its application. A notice will be published in the **Federal Register** to advise the public of the Coast Guard's determination.

Dated: May 13, 1997.

R.C. North,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[CGD 97-027]

Application for Recertification of Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the availability of the application for recertification submitted by the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (PWSRCAC) for July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998. Under the Oil Terminal and Oil Tanker Environmental Oversight and Monitoring Act of 1990 (the Act), the Coast Guard may certify, on an annual basis, an alternative voluntary advisory group (advisory group) in lieu of Regional Citizens' Advisory Councils for Prince William Sound Alaska.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 30, 1997.