

	Percent
BUSINESSES WITH CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE ....	8.000
BUSINESSES AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WITHOUT CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE .....	4.000
OTHERS (INCLUDING NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS) WITH CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE .....	7.125
For Economic Injury:	
BUSINESSES AND SMALL AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES WITHOUT CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE ....	4.000

The numbers assigned to this disaster are 312911 for physical damage and 998900 for economic injury.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008.)

Dated: September 11, 1998.

**Aida Alvarez,**

*Administrator.*

[FR Doc. 98-25498 Filed 9-23-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8025-01-P

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Declaration of Disaster #3125]**

**State of Texas; Amendment #2**

In accordance with a notice from the Federal Emergency Management Agency dated September 11, 1998, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to include Edwards County, Texas as a disaster area due to damages caused by Tropical Storm Charley beginning on August 22, 1998 and continuing through August 31, 1998.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the contiguous county of Kimble in the State of Texas may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location. Any counties contiguous to the above-named primary county and not listed herein have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is October 24, 1998, and for economic injury the deadline is May 26, 1999.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008.)

Dated: September 16, 1998.

**Bernard Kulik,**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

[FR Doc. 98-25497 Filed 9-23-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8025-01-P

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Dated: September 10, 1998.

**Bernard Kulik,**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

[FR Doc. 98-25500 Filed 9-23-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8025-01-P

**[Declaration of Disaster #3128]**

**Commonwealth of Virginia**

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on September 4, 1998, I find that the Independent Cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach in the Commonwealth of Virginia constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by Hurricane Bonnie that occurred August 25, 1998 through September 1, 1998.

Applications for loans for physical damages as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on November 3, 1998, and for loans for economic injury until the close of business on June 4, 1999 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations:

Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Blvd. South, 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties and independent cities in Virginia may be filed until the specified date at the above location: the Independent Cities of Hampton and Newport News, and the Counties of Isle of Wight and Southampton.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
Physical Damage:	
HOMEOWNERS WITH CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE ....	6.875
HOMEOWNERS WITHOUT CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE .....	3.437
BUSINESSES WITH CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE ....	8.000
BUSINESSES AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WITHOUT CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE .....	4.000
OTHERS (INCLUDING NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS) WITH CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE .....	7.125
For Economic Injury:	
BUSINESSES AND SMALL AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES WITHOUT CREDIT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE ....	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 312808, and for economic injury the number is 998800.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008.)

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Mid-Atlantic States Regional Fairness; Board Public Hearing**

The Mid-Atlantic States Regional Fairness Board Public Hearing, to be held on September 28, 1998 starting at 11:00 a.m. at the Adelphi University, Ruth S. Harley University Center, Room 313, Adelphi South Avenue, Garden City, NY 11530. The space is being donated by Adelphi University. To receive comments from small businesses concerning regulatory enforcement or compliance taken by federal agencies. Transcripts of these proceedings will be posted on the Internet. These transcripts are subject only to limited review by the National Ombudsman.

After the hearing, there will be a strategy/de-briefing session to collect Fairness Board members' input on the proceedings, as well as to obtain recommendations for the annual Report to Congress. This meeting will begin at approximately 2:00 pm at the same location.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Gary P. Peele (312) 353-0880.

**Shirl Thomas,**

*Director, Office of External Affairs.*

[FR Doc. 98-25494 Filed 9-23-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8025-01-P

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Region IV, North Florida District; Jacksonville, Florida; Advisory Council Meeting; Public Meeting**

The U. S. Small Business Administration, North Florida District Office, Jacksonville, Florida, Advisory Council will hold a public meeting from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., October 8, 1998, at the Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce, 3 Independent Drive, Hadlow Board Room, Third Floor, Jacksonville, Florida, to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U. S. Small Business Administration, or others present.

For further information write or call Claudia D. Taylor, U.S. Small Business Administration, 7825 Baymeadows

Way, Suite 100-B, Jacksonville, Florida 32256-7504, telephone (904) 443-1933.

**Shirl Thomas,**

*Director, Office of External Affairs.*

[FR Doc. 98-25493 Filed 9-23-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8025-01-P

## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Region 1 Advisory Council Meeting; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration Region 1 Advisory Council, located in the geographical area of Augusta, will hold a public meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 28, 1998 at the Portland Resource Hub, 441 Congress Street, Portland, Maine, to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or other present.

For further information, write or call Mary McAleney, District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration, 40 Western Avenue, Augusta, Maine 04330, 207-622-8242.

**Shirl Thomas,**

*Director, Office of External Affairs*

[FR Doc. 98-25496 Filed 9-23-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8025-01-P

## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Region II Advisory Council Meeting; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration Region II Advisory Council located in the geographical area of Buffalo, New York, will hold a public meeting at 10:00 a.m. on October 21, 1998, at Buffalo Office Interiors, 1418 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York to discuss matters that may be presented by members of the Advisory Council, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration or others present.

For further information, write or call Franklin J. Sciortino, District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration, Room 1311, 111 West Huron Street, Buffalo, New York 14202—(716) 551-4301.

**Shirl Thomas,**

*Director, Office of External Affairs.*

[FR Doc. 98-25495 Filed 9-23-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8025-01-P

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2899]

### Shipping Coordinating Committee; Subcommittee for the Prevention of Marine Pollution, Notice of Meeting

The Subcommittee for the Prevention of Marine Pollution (SPMP), a subcommittee of the Shipping Coordinating Committee, will conduct an open meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 1998, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 2415, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC.

The purpose of this meeting will be to review the agenda items to be considered at the forty-second session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 42) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). MEPC 42 will be held from November 2-6, 1998. Proposed U.S. positions on the agenda items for MEPC 42 will be discussed.

The major items for discussion for MEPC 42 will begin at 9:30 a.m. and include the following:

- a. Harmful effects of the use of anti-fouling paints for ships;
- b. Inadequacy of waste reception facilities at ports and terminals;
- c. Implementation of the Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response, and Cooperation Convention (OPRC) convention and associated conference resolutions;
- d. Harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water;
- e. Prevention of air pollution from ships;
- f. Identification and protection of Special Areas and Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas;
- g. Interpretation and amendments of MARPOL 73/78 and related codes;
- h. Promotion of implementation and enforcement of MARPOL 73/78 and related codes;
- i. Irradiated Nuclear Fuel Code related matters;
- j. Role of the human element with regard to pollution prevention;
- k. Formal safety assessment including environmental indexing of ships.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. For further information or documentation pertaining to the SPMP meeting, contact Lieutenant Commander John Meehan, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters (G-MSO-4), 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; Telephone: (202) 267-2714.

Dated: September 16, 1998.

**Stephen M. Miller,**

*Chairman, Shipping Coordinating Committee.*

[FR Doc. 98-25587 Filed 9-23-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4710-07-M

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2898]

### Shipping Coordinating Committee International Maritime Organization (IMO) Legal Committee; Notice of Meeting

The U.S. Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, October 08, 1998, in Room 2415 at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC. The purpose of this meeting is to prepare for the 78th session of the IMO Legal Committee, which will be held October 19-23, 1998, in London. The meeting will address: provision of financial security for passenger claims, provision of financial security for other maritime claims, compensation for pollution from ships' bunkers, a draft convention on wreck removal, as well as other matters. This meeting will also be a further opportunity for interested members of the public to express their views on whether the United States should ratify the Hazardous and Noxious Substance Convention, adopted in London in May, 1996.

Members of the public are invited to attend the SHC meeting, up to the seating capacity of the room. For further information, or to submit views concerning the subjects of discussion, write to either Captain Malcolm J. Williams, Jr., of Lieutenant William G. Rospars, U.S. Coast Guard (G-LMI), 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593, or by telephone (202) 267-1527, telefax (202) 267-4496.

Dated: September 16, 1998.

**Stephen M. Miller,**

*Chairman, Shipping Coordinating Committee.*

[FR Doc. 98-25588 Filed 9-23-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4710-07-M

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2897]

### Shipping Coordinating Committee Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea Working Group on Radiocommunications and Search and Rescue; Notice of Meetings

The Working Group on Radiocommunications and Search and Rescue of the Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea will conduct open meetings at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, October 7, and December 9, 1998, February 17, March 31, and June 30, 1999. These meetings will be held in the Department of Transportation Headquarters Building, 400 Seventh