

**VIII. Accident Investigations**

The MMS or the USCG is responsible for conducting investigations and preparing a public report for each major fire, oil spillage, serious injury, and fatality associated with OCS activities. To avoid duplication of effort and to simplify administration, the responsibility for investigating and preparing a public report for these incidents rests with the agency that is listed in Section III as being responsible for the system associated with the incident. In addition, the MMS investigates blowouts and the USCG investigates collisions.

For those incidents for which both agencies have an investigative interest in the system associated with the incident, one agency will assume lead investigative responsibility with supporting participation by the other agency. The lead agency in a joint investigative effort shall investigate and prepare, approve, and release the report in accordance with the normal procedures of that agency, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The lead agency shall be determined through mutual agreement. If mutual agreement is not reached, each agency may decide to conduct its own investigation.
2. The specific details of a supporting agency's participation in a joint investigation shall be determined on a case-by-case basis through mutual agreement.
3. Prior to the public release of a joint agency report, the supporting agency will be afforded an opportunity to comment on the report. If the supporting agency's conclusions and/or recommendations differ with those of the lead agency, either both conclusions and/or recommendations will be included in the lead agency's report in a mutually acceptable manner, or a joint report will not be issued, and each agency may issue separate reports.

**IX. Implementing this MOU**

1. Each agency will review its internal procedures and, where appropriate, will revise them to accommodate the provisions of this MOU. Each agency will also designate in writing one senior official who will be responsible for coordinating and implementing the provisions of this MOU.
2. Each agency will designate regional officials to be responsible for coordinating and implementing the provisions of this MOU in their respective regions.
3. The USCG—MMS MOU concerning regulation of activities and facilities in the OCS, dated August 29, 1989 is canceled on the effective date of this agreement.
4. If new technology (or new uses of current technology) require a change to this MOU, the MMS regional office and appropriate USCG district will work together to reach an agreement. The MMS regional office and the USCG district will notify their respective Headquarters office of any change. If the MMS regional office and the USCG district office can't reach an agreement, it will be elevated to MMS and USCG Headquarters. The new policy will become part of a revised MOU the next time the MOU is revised.

**X. Savings Provision**

Nothing in this MOU alters, amends, or affects in any way the statutory authority of MMS or the USCG.

**XI. Effective Date**

This MOU is effective upon signature.

**XII. Termination**

Both parties may amend this MOU by mutual agreement and either agency may terminate it with a 30-day written notice.

Signed at Washington, DC, December 16, 1998.

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*Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation.*

Cynthia Quarterman,

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service****Acadia National Park, Bar Harbor, Maine, Acadia National Park Advisory Commission; Notice of Meeting**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, 5 U.S.C. App. 1, Sec. 10), that the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission will hold a meeting on Monday, February 8, 1999.

The Commission was established pursuant to Public Law 99-420, Sec. 103. The purpose of the commission is to consult with the Secretary of the Interior, or his designee, on matters relating to the management and development of the park, including but not limited to the acquisition of lands and interests in lands (including conservation easements on islands) and termination of rights of use and occupancy.

The meeting will convene at park Headquarters, McFarland Hill, Bar Harbor, Maine, at 1:30 p.m. to consider the following agenda:

1. Review and approval of minutes from the meeting held September 28, 1998
2. Committee reports  
Land Conservation  
Education  
Park Use  
Science  
Nomination—nomination of officers
3. Old business
4. Superintendent's report
5. Public comments
6. Proposed agenda and date of next Commission meeting

The meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral/

written presentations to the Commission or file written statements. Such requests should be made to the Superintendent at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Further information concerning this meeting may be obtained from the Superintendent, Acadia National Park, P.O. Box 177, Bar Harbor, Maine 04609, tel: (207) 288-3338.

Dated: January 7, 1999.

**Len Bobinchock,**

*Acting Superintendent, Acadia National Park.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service****Joshua Tree National Park Advisory Commission; Notice of Meeting**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the Joshua Tree National Park Advisory Commission (Commission) will be held from 9:00 am (PDT) until 3:00 pm on Saturday, March 6, 1999, at the Helen Gray Center, on Whitefeather Drive in the village of Joshua Tree, California. The Commission will hear presentations about issues related to the Backcountry and Wilderness Management Plan, which serves as an amendment to the General Management Plan for Joshua Tree National Park, a comprehensive assessment regarding placement of wireless telecommunication facilities (WTF), and an environmental assessment to relocate segments of a military training route over the park.

The Commission was established by Public Law 103-433, section 107 to advise the Secretary concerning the development and implementation of a new or revised comprehensive management plan for Joshua Tree National Park.

Members of the Commission include:

Mr. Chuck Bell: Planner  
Ms. Diane Benson: Town of Yucca Valley  
Ms. Cyndie Bransford: Recreational Climbing  
Mr. Gary Daigneault: Property Owner  
Hon. Kathy Davis: County of San Bernadino  
Mr. Brian Huse: Conservation  
Mr. Michael McCormack: Property Owner  
Mr. Julian McIntyre: Conservation  
Mr. Roger Melanson: Homeowner  
Mr. Ramon Mendoza: Native American Interest  
Ms. Leslie Mouriquand: Planner  
Mr. Richard Russell: All Wheel Drive Vehicle Interest