

to submit responses in writing or electronically. The comments received in response to the notice will assist in determining areas and issues for indepth review.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Coast Guard**

[USCG-1999-5179]

**National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC) will meet to discuss various issues relating to offshore safety. The meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** NOSAC will meet on Thursday, April 8, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The meeting may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before March 25, 1999. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee should reach the Coast Guard on or before March 25, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** NOSAC will meet in rooms 6244-6248, of the NASSIF Building, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Captain R. L. Skewes, Commandant (G-MSO), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions on this notice, contact Captain R. L. Skewes, Executive Director of NOSAC, or Mr. Jim Magill, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202-267-0214, fax 202-267-4570. For questions on viewing the docket, contact Dorothy Walker, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, 202-366-9329.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

**Agenda of Meeting**

*National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC).* The agenda includes the following:

(1) Introduction and swearing-in of new members.

(2) Progress report from the Prevention Through People Subcommittee.

(3) Progress report from the Subcommittee on Pipeline-Free Anchorages for Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, Liftboats and Vessels.

(4) Status report on revision of 33 CFR Subchapter "N", Outer Continental Shelf Regulations.

(5) Report on the new regulations for large offshore supply vessels and crewboats, (supplementary 46 CFR Subchapter "L").

(6) Report on issues concerning the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the International Organization of Standardization (ISO).

(7) Status report from Incident Reporting Subcommittee.

(8) Report from Platform/Ship Collision Avoidance Subcommittee.

(9) MODUs—U.S. Flag to Foreign Flag Movement.

**Procedural**

The meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. If you would like to make an oral presentation at the meeting, please notify the Executive Director no later than March 25, 1999. Written material for distribution at the meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than March 25, 1999. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of the meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than March 25, 1999.

**Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities**

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: February 22, 1999.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 204X)]

**Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Mecklenburg County, NC**

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon 2.87 miles of its line of railroad between milepost R-O.13 and milepost R-3.0 in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, NC. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 28209 and 28227.

NS has certified that: (1) no local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there has been no overhead traffic on the line during the past 2 years and any overhead traffic could be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on April 8, 1999, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>1</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR

<sup>1</sup> The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.