

includes environmental review or construction and where the project is not on a corridor identified by section 1105(c) of the ISTEA, as amended (for other NCPD applications this item is optional);

19b. Corridor plan, separate from the rest of the application, for those applications for the NCPD program where the work to be funded includes environmental review or construction.

20. Performance measures in support of the FHWA Strategic Plan; and

21. Summary sheet covering basic project information (see below).

**Format for Summary Sheet—  
Application for NCPD or CBI  
Discretionary Funds**

*Grantee:* List full name of agency.

*U.S. Representative/Senator(s):* List full names.

*Governor/Mayor(s):* List full names.

*Project:* Short name and brief description of project (e.g., This project provides for widening by one lane in each direction of \* \* \* extending from \* \* \* in the vicinity of \* \* \* to \* \* \* in the vicinity of \* \* \* a distance of \* \* \* This improvement will serve \* \* \* and \* \* \* will result in major safety/time savings \* \* \* to \* \* \*).

*FHWA Funds Requested:* Exclude non-Federal share.

*Other Funds Committed:* Specify source and amounts.

*Other Support:* List agencies providing substantive assistance.

*Other Important Information:* (e.g., improved access to Indian Reservation, expected improvement to local economy, specify phase of project or corridor development, specify on going projects that will be coordinated with this one, identify environmental features, construction scheduling—all if appropriate).

**Authority:** 23 U.S.C. 315; secs. 1118 and 1119, Pub. L. 105-178, 112 Stat. 107, at 161 (1998); and 49 CFR 1.48.

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**Anthony R. Kane,**

*Executive Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Maritime Administration**

[Docket No. MARAD-1999-6171]

**Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Vessels;  
Notice of Application for Approval  
Under Section 9 Of the Shipping Act,  
1916, as Amended, to Transfer  
Registry of the U.S.-Flag LNG Vessels  
LNG: Aquarius, Aries, Capricorn,  
Gemini, Leo, Libra, Virgo, and Taurus  
to the Marshall Islands**

Wilmington Trust Company and United States Trust Company of New York, as Owner Trustees, Hull Fifty Corporation, Patriot I Shipping Corp., Patriot II Shipping Corp., and Patriot IV Shipping Corp. by applications submitted January 20 and August 20, 1999, request the approval required by Section 9 of the Shipping Act, 1916, as amended (Act), of the transfer to foreign registry of the LNG *Aquarius*, LNG *Aries*, LNG *Capricorn*, LNG *Taurus*, LNG *Libra*, LNG *Gemini*, LNG *Leo*, and LNG *Virgo* (Vessels). The Vessels, delivered between 1977 and 1979 in Quincy, Massachusetts, are 71,466 DWT liquefied natural gas carriers. The Vessels have been engaged in the carriage of LNG for Pertamina, the Indonesian State oil company, from Indonesia to Japan since their delivery, and it is expected that they will continue to operate exclusively between foreign ports in the future. The proposed transfer of registry to the Marshall Islands does not include any change in ownership of the Vessels.

Any person, firm, or corporation having any interest in these applications for approval of the reflagging of the Vessels, and who desires to submit comments concerning the applications, should refer to the docket number that appears on this notice and submit their comments in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Nassif Building, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Comments may also be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. Comments must be received no later than 5 P.M. Eastern Time September 14, 1999.

This notice is published as a matter of discretion. The Maritime Administrator will consider any comments submitted and take such action with respect thereto as may be deemed appropriate.

The application and all comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 A.M. and 5 P.M., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An electronic version of this document

is available at the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: August 26, 1999.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Research and Special Programs  
Administration**

[Docket No. RSPA-99-6157]

**Pipeline Safety: Programmatic  
Environmental Assessment for Oil  
Pollution Act Facility Response Plans**

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Availability of the environmental assessment for the Office of Pipeline Safety's Response Plan Review and Exercise Program.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations and Department of Transportation policy, the Research and Special Programs Administration announces the availability of an Environmental Assessment for the Office of Pipeline Safety's (OPS) Response Plan Review and Exercise Program. The Environmental Assessment examines the effects of the program on the environment and on pipeline operators' ability to respond to oil spills affecting waters of the United States. The Research and Special Programs Administration is soliciting comments on this Environmental Assessment. These comments will be considered in evaluating it and in making decisions pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the Environmental Assessment should be submitted to: Jim Taylor, Response Plans Officer, US Department of Transportation, Research and Special Programs Administration, Office of Pipeline Safety, Room 7128, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590 or email [jim.taylor@rspa.dot.gov](mailto:jim.taylor@rspa.dot.gov). A limited number of copies of the Environmental Assessment are available on request. Public reading copies of the Environmental Assessment will be available at the Department of Transportation Docket Center, Room PL-401, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington DC, 20590. The Dockets Facility is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.