

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE****[Public Notice No. 3213]****Shipping Coordinating Committee, Subcommittee for the Prevention of Marine Pollution; Meeting Notice**

The Subcommittee for the Prevention of Marine Pollution, a subcommittee of the Shipping Coordinating Committee, will conduct an open meeting on Tuesday, February 29, 2000, at 9:30 AM 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-fourth session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 44) and the agenda items of the Conference on International Co-operation on Preparedness and Response to Pollution Incidents by Hazardous and Noxious Substances (the Conference) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). MEPC 44 and the Conference will be held in conjunction with each other from March 6–15, 2000. Proposed U.S. positions on the agenda items for MEPC 44 and the Conference will be discussed.

The major items for discussion for MEPC 44 will begin at 9:30 AM and include the following:

- a. Harmful effects of the use of anti-fouling paints for ships;
- b. Harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water;
- c. Inadequacy of reception facilities;
- d. Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments;
- e. Identification and protection of Special Areas and Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas;
- f. Prevention of air pollution from ships;
- g. Interpretation and amendments of MARPOL 73/78 and related Codes;
- h. Promotion of implementation and enforcement of MARPOL 73/78 and related Codes; and
- i. Recycling of ships.

At the conclusion of the MEPC 44 discussion, the major item for the Conference, "Consideration and adoption of the Protocol on Preparedness, Response and Co-operation to Pollution Incidents by Hazardous and Noxious Substances, 2000," will be discussed.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. For further information or documentation pertaining to the 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: February 3, 2000.

**Stephen M. Miller,***Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee.*

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**BILLING CODE 4710-07-P****TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY****Establishment of Regional Resource Stewardship Council**

Notice is hereby given that, in consultation with the General Services Administration, it has been determined that the establishment of an advisory committee on the Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) public resource management activities is necessary and in the public interest. Accordingly, TVA has chartered the Regional Resource Stewardship Council (RRSC).

The public resource management activities that will be addressed by the RRSC include the operations of TVA's dams and reservoirs, navigation, flood control, the management of public lands, as well as water quality, wildlife, and recreation. As competition for finite natural resources grows, fulfilling TVA's integrated resource stewardship mission will require increased cooperation with the other public agencies and private entities that have responsibilities for and interest in the use and conservation of the region's natural resources. It is in TVA's interest and the interest of the public it serves to establish a mechanism for routinely obtaining the views and advice of the citizens, public agencies, and private entities involved in and affecting natural resources stewardship.

All TVA stewardship activities entail the selection of priorities among competing objectives and values. TVA has many loyal and committed stakeholder groups and private citizens, each dedicated to seeing that TVA provides the public benefits that they have come to expect. TVA anticipates that the RRSC will provide a mechanism to help develop consensus views and resolve competing interests to the benefit of the public.

In order to attain a diverse and balanced membership, the RRSC will consist of up to 20 members appointed by the TVA Board of Directors as follows:

- 7 persons nominated by the Governors of the Tennessee river Valley States (one each by the Governors of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia);
- At least 4 members representing distributors of TVA power;

- At least 1 member representing each of the following interests: a direct-served customer of TVA, a beneficiary of TVA's navigation program, a beneficiary of TVA's flood control program, a recreational interest, and an environmental interest; and

- Up to 4 additional members to ensure a balanced representative of a broad range of views.

The RRSC will function solely as an advisory body and in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Its charter is being filed at this time in accordance with approval by the General Service Administration Secretariat pursuant to 41 CFR 101-6.1015(a)(2).

For further information, please contact Kathryn J. Jackson, Executive Vice President, River System Operations and Environment, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee, 37902.

**Authority:** 41 CFR 101-6.1015(a).

Dated: February 3, 2000.

**O.J. Zeringue,***President and Chief Operating Officer.*

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**BILLING CODE 8120-08-M****DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Coast Guard****[USCG-2000-6847]****Collection of Information by Agency Under Review by Office of Management and Budget****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Coast Guard intends to request the approval of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the renewal of Information Collection Requests (ICRs). These ICRs comprise: 1. Request for Designation and Exemption of Oceanographic Research Vessel, 2. Oil Record Book for Ships, and 3. Vessel Identification System. Before submitting the ICRs to OMB, the Coast Guard is asking for comments on the collections described below.

**DATES:** Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before April 11, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail comments to the Docket Management System (DMS) [USCG-2000-6847], U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, or deliver them to room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address

between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this Request. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also access this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Copies of the complete ICRs are available through this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> and also from Commandant (G-SII-2), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, room 6106 (Attn: Barbara Davis), 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The telephone number is 202-267-2326.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Barbara Davis, Office of Information Management, 202-267-2326, for questions on this document. With questions on the docket, ask Dorothy Walker, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, 202-366-9330.

**Request for Comments**

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to submit written comments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this document [USCG-2000-6847] and the specific ICR to which each comment applies, and give the reason(s) for each comment. Please submit all comments and attachments in an unbound format no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose stamped, self-addressed postcards or envelopes.

**Information Collection Requests**

1. *Title:* Request for Designation and Exemption of Oceanographic Research Vessels.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0053.

*Summary:* 46 U.S.C. 2113(2)

authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to exempt Oceanographic Research Vessels, by regulation, from provisions of Subtitle II of Title 46, Shipping, of the United States Code, concerning maritime safety and seamen's welfare.

*Need:* This information is necessary to ensure that a vessel qualifies for the designation.

*Respondents:* Owner or operator of vessel.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Burden:* The estimated burden is 29 hours annually.

2. *Title:* Oil Record Book for Ships.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0025.

*Summary:* The Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (APPS) and the International Convention for Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the 1978 Protocol relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78), the Act and the Convention require that information about oil (cargo or fuel) be entered into an Oil Record Book (CG-4602A). The requirement appears at 33 CFR 151.25.

*Need:* This information serves to verify sightings of actual violations of the APPS to determine the level of compliance with MARPOL 73/78 and as a means of reinforcing the discharge provisions.

*Respondents:* Operators of vessels.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Burden:* The estimated burden is 35,828 hours annually.

3. *Title:* Vessel Identification System.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0607.

*Summary:* The Secretary of Transportation must establish a nationwide vessel-identification system (VIS) and centralize certain vessel-documentation functions. VIS provides participating States and territories with access to their own data on numbered vessels. Participation in VIS is voluntary.

*Need:* 46 U.S.C. 12501 mandates the establishment of a VIS. 33 CFR part 187 prescribe the requirements of VIS.

*Respondents:* Governments of States and territories.

*Frequency:* Daily.

*Burden:* The estimated burden is 5,697 hours annually.

Dated: February 4, 2000.

**G.N. Naccara,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Information and Technology.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Coast Guard**

[USCG-1999-6334]

**Information Collection by Agency Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this request for comments announces that the Coast Guard has forwarded the Information Collection Reports (ICRs)

abstracted below to OMB for review and comment. Our ICRs describe the information that we seek to collect from the public. Review and comment by OMB ensure that we impose only paperwork burdens commensurate with our performance of duties.

**DATES:** Please submit comments on or before March 13, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send comments to both (1) the Docket Management System (DMS), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001, and (2) the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB), 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, to the attention of the Desk Officer for the USCG.

Copies of the complete ICRs are available for inspection and copying in public docket USCG-1999-6334 of the Docket Management Facility between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays; for inspection and printing on the internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>; and for inspection from the Commandant (G-SII-2), U.S. Coast Guard, room 6106, 2100 Second Street S.W., Washington, DC, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Barbara Davis, Office of Information Management, 202-267-2326, for questions on this document; Dorothy Walker, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, 202-366-9330, for questions on the docket.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Regulatory History**

This request constitutes the 30-day notice required by OMB. The Coast Guard has already published [64 FR 57181 (October 22, 1999)] the 60-day notice required by OMB. That request elicited no comments.

**Request for Comments**

The Coast Guard invites comments on the proposed collections of information to determine whether the collections are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing: (1) The practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the Department's estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of the collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of