

must explain that, in accordance with the law, the evidence identified cannot be used as evidence in the claim because, after considering all the information in the case record, the adjudicator has reason to believe that "similar fault" was involved in providing the evidence and it must be disregarded. Again, a "similar fault" finding can be made only if there is reason to believe, based on a preponderance of the evidence, that the person knew that the evidence provided was false or incomplete. A "similar fault" finding cannot be based on speculation or suspicion.

4. Provide a determination or decision based on an evaluation of the remaining evidence in accordance with other rules and procedures. A "similar fault" finding does not constitute complete adjudicative action in any claim. A person may still be found entitled to, or eligible for, monthly benefits despite the fact that some evidence in the case record has been disregarded based on "similar fault." For example, a person may be found to be under a "disability" based on impairments that are established by evidence that is not disregarded because of "similar fault."

5. Include standard appeal language.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ruling is effective February 25, 2000.

CROSS-REFERENCES:

SSR 96-7p, "Titles II and XVI: Evaluation of Symptoms in Disability Claims: Assessing the Credibility of an Individual's Statements," SSR 85-23, "Title XVI: Reopening Supplemental Security Income Determinations at Any Time for "Similar Fault." Program Operations Manual System, DI 23025.001-DI 23025.095.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3223]

Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation Notice of Charter Renewal

The Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation is renewing its charter for a period of two years. This Advisory Committee will continue to make recommendations to the Historian and the Department of State on all aspects of the Department's program to publish the Foreign Relations of the United States series as well as on the Department's responsibility under statute (22 USC 4351, *et seq.*) to open its 30-year-old and

older records for public review at the National Archives and Records Administration. The Committee consists of nine members drawn from among historians, political scientists, archivists, international lawyers, and other social scientists who are distinguished in the field of U.S. foreign relations.

Questions concerning the Committee and the renewal of its Charter should be directed to William Slany, Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation, Department of State, Office of the Historian, Washington, DC, 20520, telephone (202) 663-1123 (e-mail pahistoff@panet.us-state.gov).

Dated: February 16, 2000.

William Slany,

Executive Secretary, Office of the Historian, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Availability of the Federal Radionavigation Plan

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, DOT.

ACTION: Availability of the Federal Radionavigation Plan.

SUMMARY: The 1999 edition of the Federal Radionavigation Plan (FRP) has been published and is available for comment. All comments, concerns, and suggestions regarding the current policies and plans in the 1999 FRP will be considered in formulation of the 2001 FRP. The policies in the 1999 FRP include provisions for two additional Global Positioning System (GPS) signals for civil use and focus on transition to GPS based services with recognition of the need to maintain some existing navigation aids. The schedule in the 1999 FRP includes an initial operating capability for the FAA Wide Area Augmentation System at the end of 2001. The FAA's Local Area Augmentation System is planned to begin service at selected airports in 2003. The 1999 FRP also includes a revised schedule for phasing down land-based navigation aids. The phase down of VOR/DMEs, ILSs and MLSs for Category I approaches, and TACAN will begin in 2008. The phase down of ILSs for Category II and III approaches will not begin before 2015. The U.S. will continue operating Loran-C in the short term while the Administration

continues to evaluate the long-term need for the system. Maritime radiobeacons not used for differential GPS are expected to be phased out by 2000. Stand-alone aeronautical NDBs will be phased out after 2008. NDBs used as compass locators for ILSs will be phased out when the underlying ILSs are withdrawn.

DATES: Comments must be received by July 31, 2000 for consideration in development of the 2001 FRP.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be forwarded to Chairman, DOT POS/NAV Working Group, Department of Transportation (P-7), Room 10315, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Email:

michael.shaw@ost.dot.gov. In addition to written input, two public meetings will be held to solicit verbal input.

Comments received at the public meetings on the policies and plans contained in the 1999 FRP will be considered in formulation of the 2001 FRP. The first meeting is scheduled for March 28 through March 30, 2000, at the Fair Oaks Holiday Inn in Fairfax, VA. See notice of meeting under Transportation Department in **Federal Register**, 65 FR (6437) 2/9/2000. The second meeting will be held at the end of June, 2000, in San Diego. A **Federal Register** notice will be issued in advance of the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Shaw, Department of Transportation (P-7), 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20590, (202) 366-0353.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Free copies of the 1999 FRP are available from the Volpe National Transportation System Center, Kendall Square, Cambridge, MA 02142. The telephone number there is (617) 494-2908. The 1999 FRP is also on the Internet World Wide Web at <http://www.navcen.uscg.mil/frp>.

Issued in Washington, DC on February 18, 2000.

Joseph F. Canny,

Deputy Assistant Secretary For Navigation Systems Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-2000-6950]

Collection of Information under Review by Office of Management and Budget (OMB): 2115-0614 and 2115-0545

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 OMB for the renewal of two Information Collection Requests (ICRs). These ICRs comprise: (1) Alteration of Obstructive Bridges; and (2) Financial Responsibility for Water Pollution (Vessels). 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 25, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to the Docket Management System (DMS) [USCG-2000-6950], U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street S.W., 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 S.W., 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; Dorothy Walker, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, 202-366-9330, for questions in the docket.

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-2000-6950] 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:* Alteration of Obstructive Bridges.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0614.

Summary: The collection of information requires the owner of a bridge whose bridge the Coast Guard has found to be an unreasonable obstruction to navigation to prepare, and submit to the Coast Guard, general plans and specifications of that bridge.

Need: Under 33 U.S.C. 494, 502, 511, and 513, the Coast Guard may determine whether a bridge is an unreasonable obstruction to navigation and can require the owner of the bridge to submit information to determine the apportionment of cost between the U.S. and the owner for alteration of that bridge.

Respondents: Owners of bridges.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden: The estimated burden is 120 hours annually.

2. *Title:* Financial Responsibility for Water Pollution (Vessels).

OMB Control Number: 2115-0545.

Summary: The collection of information requires operators of vessels over 300 gross tons to submit to the Coast Guard evidence of their financial responsibility to meet the maximum amount of liability in case of an oil spill or hazardous substances.

Need: Under 22 U.S.C. 2716 and 42 U.S.C. 9608, the Coast Guard has the authority to ensure that those persons directly subject to these rules are in compliance with the provisions.

Respondents: Vessels operators or owners of vessels over 300 gross tons.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden: The estimated burden is 2,162 hours annually.

Dated: February 17, 2000.

Daniel F. Sheehan,

Director of Information and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-1999-6581]

Information Collection Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): 2115-0042 and 2115-0010

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 two 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 27, 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 S.W., Washington, DC 20590-0001, and (2) the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB), 725 17th Street N.W., 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-1999-6581 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 68408 (December 7, 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