

hundreds of persons were summarily killed in security sweeps and entire villages were razed during 1999. The government's draconian repression of its civilian population creates a high risk to innocent bystanders.

U.S. citizens and other foreigners working inside Kuwait near the Iraqi borders have been detained by Iraqi authorities in the past and sentenced to lengthy jail terms for alleged illegal entry into the country. Although our interests are represented by the Embassy of Poland in Baghdad, its ability to obtain consular access to detained U.S. citizens and to perform emergency services is constrained by Iraqi unwillingness to cooperate. In light of these circumstances, I have determined that Iraq continues to be a country "where there is imminent danger to the public health or physical safety of United States travelers".

Accordingly, United States passports shall continue to be invalid for use in travel to, in, or through Iraq unless specifically validated for such travel under the authority of the Secretary of State. The restriction shall not apply to American citizens residing in Iraq on February 1, 1991, who continue to reside there, or to American professional reporters or journalists on assignment there.

The Public Notice shall be effective from the date it is published in the **Federal Register** and shall expire at midnight on the same date in the year 2001, unless sooner extended or revoked by Public Notice.

Dated: February 24, 2000.

Madeleine K. Albright,

Secretary of State, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-2000-7004]

Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee; Vacancies

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is seeking applications for appointment to membership on the Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC). CTAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Coast Guard on matters relating to the safe transportation and handling of hazardous materials in bulk on U.S.-flag vessels in U.S. ports and waterways.

DATES: Application forms should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You may request an application form by writing to Commandant (G-MSO-3), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling (202) 267-1217/0081; or by faxing (202) 267-4570. Submit application forms to the same address. This notice and the application form are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>. The application form is also available at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/advisory/ctac/ctac.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commander Robert F. Corbin, Executive Director of CTAC, or Ms. Sara S. Ju, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone (202) 267-1217/0081, fax (202) 267-4570.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) is a Federal advisory committee constituted under 5 U.S.C. App. 2. It provides advice and makes recommendations to the Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection on matters relating to the safe transportation and handling of hazardous materials in bulk on U.S.-flag vessels in U.S. ports and waterways. The advice and recommendations of CTAC also assist the U.S. Coast Guard in formulating the position of the United States on hazardous material transportation issues prior to meetings of the international Maritime Organization.

CTAC meets at least once a year at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC. It may also meet more often than once a year as necessary. CTAC's subcommittee and working groups may meet to perform specific assignments as required.

The Coast Guard will consider applications for ten positions that expire in December 2000. To be eligible, applicants should have experience in chemical manufacturing, vessel design and construction, marine transportation of chemicals, occupational safety and health, or marine environmental protection issues associated with chemical transportation. Each member serves for a term of three years. Some members may serve consecutive terms. However, not more than 50 percent of the members with expiring terms may be re-appointed. All members serve at their own expense, and receive no salary, reimbursement of travel expenses, or other compensation from the Federal Government.

In support of the policy of the Department of Transportation on gender

and ethnic diversity, the Coast Guard encourages applications from qualified women and members of minority groups.

Dated: March 2, 2000.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG 2000-7005]

National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee; Vacancies

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is seeking applications for membership on the National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC). NOSAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Coast Guard on matters affecting the offshore industry.

DATES: Applications should reach us on or before July 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You may request an application form by writing to Commandant (G-MSO-2), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling 202-267-1181; or by faxing 202-267-4570. A copy of the application form is available from the Coast Guard's Advisory Committee web page at: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/advisory/index.htm> Send your application in written form to the above street address. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Captain Peter A. Richardson, Executive Director of NOSAC, or James M. Magill, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202 267-1181, fax 202 267-4570.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOSAC is a Federal advisory committee constituted under 5 U.S.C. App. 2. It consists of 14 regular members who have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience regarding drilling and production technology, equipment, and techniques that are used, or are being developed for use, in the exploration or recovery of offshore mineral resources. It provides advice and makes recommendations to the Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection, on safety and rulemaking matters relating to the offshore mineral and energy industries.