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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice, contact Mr. Wayne Lundy or LT Ryan D. Manning, Systems Engineering Division (G-MSE-3), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, telephone 202-267-2206, fax 202-267-4816. For questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Ms. Dorothy Beard, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

We encourage you to participate by submitting comments and related material. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify the docket number [USCG 2000-7689], indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. You may submit your comments and material by mail, hand, fax, or electronic means to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**, but please submit your comments and material by only one means. If you submit them by mail or hand, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

Background and Purpose

46 CFR part 52 incorporates by reference Section I of ASME's 1989 Boiler and Pressure-Vessel Code with 1989 Addenda. Likewise, 46 CFR part 54 incorporates by reference Division 1 of Section VIII of the same Code and Addenda. ASME publishes the Code every three years, and an Addendum every year, to reflect new industry standards, technological advances, and product improvements. If any edition of this Code published after 1989 or any Addendum published after then contains standards that you prefer to use instead of those already incorporated by reference, then you may apply for a waiver from Commandant (G-MSE) as referenced in 46 CFR 50.20-30. The Coast Guard proposes to update these incorporations by reference to let manufacturers use the 1998 Code with 1999 Addenda for construction of new boilers and pressure vessels.

The 1998 Code with 1999 Addenda reduces the design margins allowable for construction of new boilers and pressure vessels. The allowable stresses decrease from a margin of 4:1 to one of 3.5:1. Quality control in materials production has improved enough to make this lower margin acceptable. The lower margin in turn necessitates a decrease in requirements for the hydrostatic and pneumatic testing of pressure vessels to 1.3 times the maximum allowable working pressure (MAWP) and 1.1 times the MAWP, respectively. The requirement for the hydrostatic testing of power boilers, nevertheless, remains at 1.5 times the MAWP; however, at no time during the testing may any part of the boiler be subjected to a general primary membrane stress greater than 90 percent of its yield strength (0.2 percent offset) at the testing temperature.

We are working on a separate rule to update 46 CFR parts 52 and 54, and to incorporate by reference ASME's 1998 Boiler and Pressure-Vessel Code with 1999 Addenda. Until we do, though, the 1989 Code with 1989 Addenda remains the edition incorporated in both parts. If you choose to use the 1998 Code, you must comply with it and its 1999 Addenda in their entirety. You must meet all of the requirements and specifications set out in 46 CFR Tables 52.01-1(A) and 54.01-1(A), even if you use the 1998 Code. But, in either case, the design margins for independent type-C tank vessels and process pressure vessels described in 46 CFR part 154.450 must continue to satisfy the 1989 Code with 1989 Addenda.

Dated: July 24, 2000.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-2000-7670]

Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Advisory Committee (CFIVAC) will meet to discuss various issues relating to commercial fishing industry safety. The meetings are open to the public.

DATES: CFIVAC will meet on Tuesday, August 22, 2000, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00

p.m. and Wednesday on August 23, 2000 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. These meetings may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before August 14, 2000. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee should reach Coast Guard on or before August 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The CFIVAC meeting will be held in Room 2415, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second St. SW., Washington DC. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should be sent to Lieutenant Jennifer Williams, Commandant (G-MOC-3), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available on the Internet <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Captain Jon Sarubbi, Executive Director of CFIVAC, or Lieutenant Jennifer Williams, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone (202) 267-0507.

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

Agenda of Meetings on August 22, 2000

Action Plan summary and Regional Listening Session Results—Summarize elements of the Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Action Plan (CFVSAP) that were presented during seven Regional Listening Sessions held around the nation and present feedback submitted by the public on the CFVSAP consisting of verbal and written comments to the Coast Guard, as well as survey results.

Recommendations for new commercial fishing vessel safety initiatives—Present Coast Guard recommendations for certain new commercial fishing vessel safety initiatives developed after the consideration of Regional Listening Session results and existing commercial fishing industry data was analyzed. Receive input from Advisory Committee on proposed recommendations and new initiatives.

Agenda of Meetings of CFIVAC on August 23, 2000

(1) *Subcommittee on Data and Analysis*—Subcommittee members to identify fishing vessel industry numerator and denominator data, recommend revision to existing data collection, and recommend changes to CG Form 2692.

(2) *Subcommittee on Regionalization*—Subcommittee

members to identify fishing vessel industry safety issues that should be addressed with a regional/local focus.

(3) *Subcommittee on Training requirements*—Subcommittee members to identify what training standards should be applied to the fishing vessel industry.

(4) *Subcommittee on Examination requirements*—Subcommittee members to recommend details and or requirements for a mandatory dockside safety examination program for the commercial fishing vessel industry.

Procedural

Both meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may close early if all business is finished. At the Chairs' discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings, please notify the Executive Director no later than August 14, 2000. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than August 8, 2000. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of a meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than August 7, 2000.

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: July 24, 2000.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection, Acting.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

Blacklands Railroad Company

[Waiver Petition Docket No. FRA-2000-7255]

The Blacklands Railroad Company seeks a permanent waiver of compliance for two locomotives from the requirements of the Safety Glazing Standards, 49 CFR part 223, which requires certified glazing in all locomotive windows, except those locomotives used in yard service. The railroad indicates that the locomotives, MAGMA #2 and MAGMA #3, are Alco RS-3 type locomotives built in 1952. They state that both locomotives are equipped with auto type safety glazing. The locomotives are used between Greenville, Commerce, and Sulphur Springs, Texas, in switching service at speeds that do not exceed 15 mph.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number 2000-7255) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 7th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

Charlotte Southern Railroad Company

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2000-6878]

The Adrian & Blissfield Rail Road Company of Madison Heights, Michigan, has petitioned on behalf of Charlotte Southern Railroad Company for a permanent waiver of compliance for one locomotive from the requirements of the Safety Glazing Standards, 49 CFR part 223, which requires certified glazing in all locomotive windows, except those locomotives used in yard service. The railroad indicates that the locomotive is used in switching service over 3.22 miles at a speed not to exceed 10 mph and is equipped with auto type safety glazing.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number 2000-6878) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 7th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for