

to the Coast Guard for archiving. We need not review them without good cause nor need we compile statistics regarding their use. The forms provide basic protections to merchant seamen in their employment aboard U.S.-flag commercial vessels.

With respect to means of enforcement for failure to post or submit articles, the program office responds that the statutes vary depending on whether the particular voyage is coastwise rather than foreign or intercoastal. The statute covering coastwise voyages limits enforcement to the master of the vessel while the other statute permits wider discretion over enforcement. On February 23, 2001, we replied to the submitter and sent a copy to OMB.

#### 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 automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments, to DMS or OIRA, must contain the OMB Control Numbers of all ICRs addressed. Comments to DMS must contain the docket number of this request, USCG 2000-7821. Comments to OIRA are best assured of having their full effect if OIRA receives them 30 or fewer days after the publication of this request.

#### Information Collection Requests

1. *Title:* Navigation Safety Equipment and Emergency Instructions for Certain Towing Vessels.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0628.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Owners, operators, and masters of vessels.

*Forms:* This collection of information does not require the public to fill out Coast Guard forms, but does require owners, operators, and masters of vessels to have on board the vessel, or where appropriate in company files, Navigation Safety Equipment, a Muster List, and Emergency Instructions, for the Coast Guard to inspect.

*Abstract:* Rules on navigational-safety equipment help assure that the mariner piloting a towing vessel has adequate

equipment, charts, maps, and other publications. For inspected towing vessels, a muster list and emergency instructions provide effective plans and references for crew to follow in an emergency.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* The estimated burden is 281,998 hours a year.

2. *Title:* Shipping Articles.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0015.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Merchant mariners.

*Form:* CG-705A.

*Abstract:* This collection of information requires merchant mariners to complete form CG-705A, Shipping Articles, before entering the service of a shipping company.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* The estimated burden is 18,000 hours a year.

Dated: April 5, 2001.

J. E. Evans,

*Acting Director of Information and Technology.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[USCG-2000-7514]

#### National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP)

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The four Federal agencies that comprise the National Scheduling Coordination Committee (NSCC) (U.S. Coast Guard, Environmental Protection Agency, Minerals Management Service, and Office of Pipeline Safety) hosted a Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP) Workshop on August 29, 2000, in Washington, DC. Interested parties were encouraged to submit comments either at the workshop or to the docket. The NSCC has prepared responses to these comments and is drafting changes to the PREP Guidelines as a result of the workshop. Interested parties are invited to comment on these documents.

**DATES:** Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before September 1, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** To make sure that your comments and related material are not entered more than once in the docket, please submit them by only one of the following methods:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, (USCG-2000-7514), U.S.

Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) By hand delivery to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web Site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and documents, as indicated in this notice, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401 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 electronically access the public docket for this notice on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** If you have questions on this notice and general information regarding the PREP program, contact Robert Pond, Office of Response, Plan and Preparedness Division (G-MOR-2), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100, 2nd St. SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, telephone 202-267-6603, fax 202-267-4065 or e-mail [rpond@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:rpond@comdt.uscg.mil). If you have questions on viewing, or submitting material to the docket, contact Dorothy Beard, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-5149.

#### 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-2000-7514), indicate the specific section of the document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. You may submit your comments and materials by mail or hand delivery, 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

The Coast Guard, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Research

and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), and the Minerals Management Service (MMS), in concert with the states, the oil industry and concerned citizens, developed the preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP). PREP was developed to establish a workable oil pollution response exercise program, which meets the intent of section 4204(a) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. PREP provides a mechanism for compliance with the exercise requirements, while being economically feasible for the government and oil industry to adopt and sustain. Since the inception of PREP, public meetings have been held periodically to assess the continuing vitality of the program.

#### Availability of Documents

The NSCC has prepared responses to comments received in association with the August 2000 PREP Workshop held in Washington, DC. These responses are available for review at the Docket Management Facility at <http://dms.dot.gov> (USCG-2000-7514). These responses and additional information regarding PREP are also available at the following web sites:

USCG:<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nmc/response/#PREP>

MMS:<http://www.mms.gov>

EPA:<http://www.epa.gov/oilspill/index.htm>

OPS:<http://ops.dot.gov/>

As noted in some of the responses, the NSCC is currently working on revising the existing 1994 PREP Guidelines. Proposed changes to the Guidelines will be available at the Docket Management Facility Web Site (USCG-2000-7514), as well as, the above agency Web Sites by June 1, 2001. NSCC will consider whether to schedule a PREP Workshop to discuss these proposed changes. Any comments on the proposed changes must be submitted to the Docket Management Facility no later than September 1, 2001.

Dated: April 4, 2001.

**Howard L. Hime,**

*Acting Director of Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[CGD 05-01-005]

#### Notice and Request for Comments; Letter of Recommendation, LHG or LNG Facility Cove Point, MD

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements in 33 CFR 127.009, the U. S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port, Baltimore (COTP) is preparing a letter of recommendation as to the suitability of the Chesapeake Bay waterway for liquefied hazardous gas (LHG) or liquefied natural gas (LNG) marine traffic. The letter of recommendation is in response to a Letter of Intent to operate the LNG facility at Cove Point, Maryland. In preparation for issuance of the letter of recommendation, the COTP will consider all information submitted by the owner or operator under the requirements of 33 CFR 127.007, as well as comments received from the public.

**DATES:** Comments and related material must reach the Coast Guard on or before June 12, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail comments and related material to Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Activities Baltimore, 2401 Hawkins Point Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21226-1791. U.S. Coast Guard Activities Baltimore maintains a file for this notice. Comments and material received from the public during the comment period will become part of this file and will be available for inspection or copying at the U.S. Coast Guard Activities Baltimore office, room 205, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lieutenant Commander Gordon Loebel at U. S. Coast Guard Activities Baltimore (410) 576-2526.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Request for Comments

We encourage you to submit comments and related material. If you do so, please include your name and address. Please submit all comments and related material in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying. For a return receipt, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. The recommendation made by this office may be affected by comments received.

##### Public Meeting

We do not now plan to hold public meetings or hearings. But you may submit a request for meetings or hearings by writing to Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Activities Baltimore at the address under **ADDRESSES** explaining why they would be beneficial. If we

determine that public hearings or meetings would benefit the recommendation process, we will hold them at a time and place announced by a later notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 6, 2001.

**T. C. Paar,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2001-29]

#### Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of dispositions of prior petitions.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption part 11 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), this notice contains a summary of certain dispositions of certain petitions previously received, and corrections. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Forest Rawls (202) 267-8033, or Vanessa Wilkins (202) 267-8029 Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

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Issued in Washington, DC, on March 16, 2001.

**Donald P. Byrne,**

*Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.*

#### Dispositions of Petitions

*Docket No.:* FAA-2001-9136.

*Petitioner:* Evergreen International Airlines, Inc.

*Section of the 14 CFR Affected:* 14 CFR Special Federal Aviation Regulation No. 79.

*Description of Relief Sought/Disposition:* To operate a one-time flight to Pyongyang, the capital city of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea,