ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the date, time, and location for the fourth meeting of the eighth term of the Departmental Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (COAC), and the expected agenda for its consideration.

DATES: The next meeting of the COAC will be held on Friday, September 19, 2003, at 9 a.m. in the Rotunda Room, 9th Floor, Ronald Reagan Building, located at 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20229 (take elevator to 8th floor and follow signs to the steps leading to the 9th floor). The duration of the meeting will be approximately four hours.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is open to the public. However, participation in the COAC’s deliberations is limited to COAC members, Homeland Security and Treasury Department officials, and persons invited to attend the meeting for special presentations. All persons entering the building must be cleared by building security at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Personal data to obtain this clearance must be submitted to Donna Montiel, 202–282–8472, no later than 2 p.m. e.s.t on Tuesday, September 16, 2003.

Agenda

The COAC is expected to pursue the following agenda, which may be modified prior to the meeting:


(2) DHS Briefing on DHS Re-Organization.

(3) Other Issues (E-Rulings Project, CBP Participation on WTO Task Force for Global Security Standard, Customs Broker Exam, and Revision of Customs Forms).


C. Stewart Verdery,
Assistant Secretary for Border and Transportation Security Policy and Planning.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: 30-Day notice of information collection under review; Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal; Form I–589.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has submitted the following information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The former Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service) published a Federal Register notice on February 25, 2003 at 68 FR 8784 to solicit public comments for a 60-day period regarding the proposed Form I–589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal. At the close of the public comment period on April 28, 2003, the DHS had not received any comments.

This notice allows an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until September 29, 2003. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Department of Homeland Security Desk Officer, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20530.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

1. Type of Information Collection: Extension of currently approved collection.
2. Title of the Form/Collection: Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal.
4. Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals or Households. The information collected on this form will be used to determine whether an alien applying for asylum and/or withholding of removal in the United States is classifiable as a refugee, or eligible for protection under the Convention Against Torture, and eligible to remain in the United States.
5. An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 78,000 responses at 12 hours per response.
6. An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 936,000 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard S. Sloan (202) 514–3291, Director, Regulations and Forms Services Division, Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS), U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Room 4034, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time may also be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan.

If additional information is required contact: Ms. Terry O’Malley, Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 7th and D Streets, NW., 4th Floor, Washington, DC (202) 358–3571.
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Coast Guard
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Maritime Administration
[USCG–2002–14134]
Port Pelican LLC Deepwater Port License Application

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS, and Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final environmental impact statement, notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration announce the availability of the final environmental impact statement for the Port Pelican LLC Deepwater Port License Application. We request your input on this final environmental impact statement, which covers the construction and operation of a liquefied natural gas deepwater port known as “Port Pelican” and associated anchorage on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Gulf of Mexico, approximately 36 miles south southwest of Freshwater City, Louisiana.

DATES: The final environmental impact statement (FEIS) will be available on August 29, 2003. Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before October 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The FEIS will be available in the docket on the Internet at http://dms.dot.gov under docket number USCG–2002–14134 or by contacting the U.S. Coast Guard as indicated under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Comments may be submitted in several ways. To make sure your comments and related material are not entered more than once in the docket, please submit them by only one of the following means:


(2) By mail to the Docket Management Facility (USCG–2002–14134), U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL–401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001.

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

We encourage you to submit comments on this FEIS. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify this notice (USCG–2002–14134), and give the reason for each comment. You may submit your comments by mail, hand delivery, fax or electronic means to the Docket Management Facility at the address given under ADDRESSES, but please submit your comments and materials by only one means. If you submit them 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 if they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments received during the comment period.

Proposed Action

The application plan calls for construction of the Port Pelican Deepwater Port and associated anchorage in an area situated in the Gulf of Mexico approximately 36 miles southwest of Freshwater City, Louisiana, in Vermilion Block 140. During construction and operation of the Port Pelican facility, LNG carriers, facilities for delivery of LNG, and facilities for delivery of natural gas to a pipeline transportation system and personnel accommodations.

The Terminal would be able to receive the largest LNG carriers in service or on order in 2002. LNG carrier arrival frequency will be planned to match specified terminal gas delivery rates. All marine systems, communication, navigation aids and equipment necessary to conduct safe LNG carrier operations and receiving of product during specified atmospheric and sea states would be provided at the port.

The regasification process would consist of lifting the LNG from storage tanks, pumping the cold liquid to the gas pipeline network. All marine systems, communication, navigation aids and equipment necessary to conduct safe LNG carrier operations and receiving of product during specified atmospheric and sea states would be provided at the port.

The proposed project would deliver natural gas to the United States Gulf Coast using existing gas supply and gathering systems in the Gulf of Mexico and southern Louisiana. Gas would then be delivered to shippers using the national pipeline grid through interconnections with major interstate and intrastate pipelines.

The project would consist of the Port Pelican Terminal (the Terminal), an LNG receiving, storage and regasification facility and the Pelican Interconnector Pipeline (PIPL) to transport the gas to the existing offshore gas gathering system.

The project would consist of two concrete gravity based structure (GBS) units fixed to the seabed, which would include integral LNG storage tanks, support deck mounted LNG receiving and vaporization equipment and utilities, berthing accommodations for LNG carriers, facilities for delivery of LNG, and facilities for delivery of natural gas to a pipeline transportation system, and personnel accommodations.

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