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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4532]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC), through the Subcommittee on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping, will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on January 8, 2004. The meeting will be held in Room 6103 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 35th session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Sub-Committee on Standards of Training and Watchkeeping (STW), to be held on January 26-30, 2004, at the IMO Headquarters in London, England.

The primary matters to be considered include:

1. Measures to enhance maritime security, training and certification for ship, company and port facility security officers;
2. Watchkeeping at anchor;
3. Large passenger ship safety;
4. Training of crew in launching and recovery operations of fast rescue boats and the means of rescue in adverse weather conditions;
5. Measures to prevent accidents with lifeboats;
6. Education and training requirements for fatigue prevention, mitigation, and management;
7. Requirements for knowledge, skills and training for officers on WIG craft; and
8. Development of competencies for ratings.

Members of the public may attend the meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: LCDR Luke Harden, U.S. Coast Guard (G-MSO-1), Room 1210, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling; (202) 267-0229.

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[Public Notice 4533]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9 a.m. on Monday, January 26, 2004, in Room 6319 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 2nd Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 47th Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Sub-Committee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety to be held at IMO Headquarters in London, England from September 13th to 17th.

The primary matters to be considered include:

- Harmonization of damage stability provisions in SOLAS Chapter II-1;
- Large passenger ship safety;
- Review of the Intact Stability Code;
- Revision of the Fishing Vessel Safety Code and Voluntary Guidelines;
- Review of the Offshore Supply Vessel Guidelines;
- Harmonization of the damage stability provisions in other IMO instruments, including the 1993 Torremolinos Protocol (probabilistic method);
- Revision of technical regulations of the 1966 Load Line Convention;
- Review of the 2000 HSC Code and amendments to the DSC Code and the 1994 HSC Code.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing to Mr. Paul Cojean, Commandant (G-MSE), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Room 1308, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 267-2988.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4576]

Finding of No Significant Impact and Summary Environmental Assessment; Valero Logistics LP Pipeline in Webb County, TX

The proposed action is to issue a Presidential Permit to Valero Logistics Operations LP (Valero) to construct,

connect, operate and maintain a 8⁵/₈ inch outer diameter pipeline to convey liquid petroleum gas ("LPG") across the border from Webb County, Texas to the United States of Mexico. On behalf of Valero, URS Corporation of Austin, Texas, prepared a draft environmental assessment under the guidance and supervision of the Department of State (the "Department"). The Department placed a notice in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 44560 (July 29, 2003)) regarding the availability for inspection of Valero's Permit application and the draft environmental assessment.

Numerous Federal and state agencies independently reviewed the draft environmental assessment. They include: the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, the Department of Transportation, the Department of the Interior, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Emergency Management Administration, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Defense, the Department of Commerce, the Council on Environmental Quality, the Texas Railroad Commission, the Texas Historical Commission, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Prior to publishing the notice, Valero hosted a public meeting on the behalf of the Department of State, where public input on the project was received. No formal written public comments were submitted on the draft environmental assessment.

Comments received from the Federal and state agencies and the public were either responded to directly, or addressed directly by incorporation into the analysis contained in the draft environmental assessment. In addition to inclusion in the analyses of impacts and risks, comments were used to develop measures to be undertaken by Valero to prevent or mitigate potentially adverse environmental impacts, which were included as commitments.

This summary environmental assessment, comments submitted by the Federal and state agencies and the public, responses to those comments, and the draft environmental assessment, as amended, together constitute the Final Environmental Assessment of the proposed action by the Department.

Summary of the Environmental Assessment

I. The Proposed Project

The Department is charged with the issuance of Presidential Permits for the construction, connection, operation and