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MSO Honolulu, 433 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, HI 96813-4909, (808) 522-8260.

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MSO Anchorage, 510 L Street, Ste. 100, Anchorage, AK 99501-1946, (907) 271-6724.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions on Area Maritime Security Advisory Committees, contact Lieutenant Junior Grade Holly Wendelin at 202-267-4132. For questions about AMS Committee Charters, contact your local Captain of the Port using the information listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Establishment of Area Maritime Security Advisory Committees**

Section 102 of the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-295) added section 70112 to Title 46 of the U.S. Code, and authorizes the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating to establish Area Maritime Security Advisory Committees (AMS Committees) for any port area of the United States. The MTSA includes a provision exempting these AMS Committees from the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-436, 86 Stat. 470 (5 U.S.C. App.2).

The AMS Committees shall assist the Captain of the Port in the development, review, and update of the AMS Plan for their area of responsibility. Such matters may include, but are not limited to:

- Identifying critical port infrastructure and operations;
- Identifying risks (threats, vulnerabilities, and consequences);
- Determining mitigation strategies and implementation methods;
- Developing and describing the process to continually evaluate overall port security by considering consequences and vulnerabilities, how they may change over time, and what additional mitigation strategies can be applied; and
- Providing advice to, and assisting the Captain of the Port in, developing the Area Maritime Security Plan.

We anticipate that each AMS Committee will meet more than once a year. Subcommittees of each AMS Committee may also meet between meetings of the parent committee. AMS Committee meeting locations will be established by the cognizant Captain of the Port.

#### **AMS Committee Membership**

At least seven of the members of each AMS Committee must have at least 5 years of experience related to maritime or port security operations. Total number of members will be determined by the cognizant COTP. The COTP will also determine whether to have multiple AMS Committees for those COTP zones with separate, distinct port areas. Applicants may be required to pass an appropriate security background check prior to appointment to the committee.

Members' terms of office will be for 5 years; however, to permit orderly turnover of the committee's membership, the initial terms of office will be staggered, and the members initially appointed to AMS Committees will be appointed to terms of 3, 4 or 5 years. Members will be eligible to serve an additional term of office. Members will not receive any salary or other compensation for their service on an AMS Committee.

In support of the policy of the U.S.C.G. on gender and ethnic diversity, we encourage qualified women and members of minority groups to apply.

#### **Request for Applications**

Those seeking membership are not required to submit formal applications to the local COTP, however, because we do have an obligation to ensure that a specific number of members have the prerequisite maritime security experience, we encourage the submission of resumes highlighting experience in the maritime and security industries.

Dated: December 22, 2003.

**L.L. Hereth,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Port Security.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

### **Coast Guard**

**[USCG-2003-16696]**

### **Pollution Prevention Equipment; Standards for Approval**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of policy.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard will consider alternative testing standards, including but not limited to standards in International Maritime Organization (IMO) resolutions MEPC.107(49) and MEPC.108(49), for approval of oil-water separators, bilge monitors, cargo monitors and bilge alarms, and for the designation of laboratories as approved facilities to conduct tests on this pollution prevention equipment (PPE). The standards in these resolutions will come into force internationally in 2005 and will replace existing international standards reflected in current PPE Coast Guard regulations.

**DATES:** This policy is effective December 31, 2003. Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before March 30, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number USCG-2003-16696 to the Docket Management Facility at the U.S. Department of Transportation. To avoid duplication, please use only one of the following methods:

(1) *Web Site:* <http://dms.dot.gov>.

(2) *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(3) *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

(4) *Delivery:* Room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329. This notice and resolutions MEPC.107(49) and MEPC.108(49) are in docket USCG-2003-16696 and are available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>. ISO 9377-2 may be obtained for a fee through ISO's website <http://www.iso.org>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions on this notice, call Lieutenant George Grills, Systems Engineering Division, Office of Design and Engineering Standards, (202) 267-6640. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Andrea M. Jenkins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, (202) 366-0271.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Reason for Policy Notice**

As a participant in the International Maritime Organization Marine Environmental Protection Committee (MEPC) that revised international pollution prevention equipment (PPE) performance, design and maintenance standards, the U.S. Coast Guard is aware of advances in PPE technology more capable of effectively processing emulsified oils, surfactants, and contaminants.

It is also aware that current Coast Guard PPE regulations, reflected in 46 CFR 162.050-39, require use of solvents, specifically carbon tetrachloride and Freon 113 (CFC 113), that are Class I ozone-depleting substances under the Clean Air Act amendments of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 7671a). Under the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, the production of these solvents is being phased out internationally.

The United States phased out the import and production of class I ozone-depleting substances effective January 1, 1996 (see 40 CFR 82.4, and 60 FR 24986, May 10, 1995). A provision known as a *de minimis* exception covering the use of these solvents in laboratories does not include the oil-in-water tests called for by 46 CFR 162.050-39 (see both Decision XI/15 of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, and appendix G to 40 CFR part 82, subpart A). This situation leaves domestic and foreign manufacturers and testing laboratories looking for other options to measure oil content in water samples taken from PPE.

The MEPC tasked the subcommittee on Ship Design and Equipment with updating MEPC.60(33) adopted on October 30, 1992, and A.586(14) adopted on November 20, 1985, to specifically address the concerns with PPE performance and testing. Representatives of the U.S. government participated in the subcommittee's 46th session that resulted in draft guidelines for PPE that were presented to MEPC at its 49th session.

At that session, on July 18, 2003, MEPC approved resolutions MEPC.107(49) entitled "Revised Guidelines and Specifications for Pollution Prevention Equipment for Machinery Space Bilges of Ships" and MEPC.108(49) entitled "Revised Guidelines and Specifications for Oil Discharge Monitoring and Control Systems for Oil Tankers" to replace MEPC.60(33) and A.586(14) respectively. The new resolutions carry the same titles as those they will replace but these recently approved resolutions now reference ISO 9377-2, a new oil-in-

water test standard developed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), that does not require the use of ozone-depleting solvents.

The United States is a party to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78, Annex I/II). Resolutions MEPC.60(33) and A.586(14) were created under MARPOL 73/78, Annex I/II. These two older resolutions will be superseded on January 1, 2005, but while they remain in force, the following sections in subpart 162.050 will continue to reflect their implementation:

§ 162.050-17 Separator test rig.

§ 162.050-19 Monitor and bilge alarm test rig.

§ 162.050-23 Separator: Approval tests.

§ 162.050-27 Cargo Monitor: Approval tests.

§ 162.050-31 Bilge Monitor: Approval tests.

§ 162.050-35 Bilge alarm: Approval tests.

§ 162.050-37(b) Vibration test.

§ 162.050-39 Measurement of oil content.

All other subpart 162.050 sections are either substantially the same as new resolutions MEPC.107(49) and MEPC.108(49) or contain a unique application.

The Coast Guard expects to publish in the **Federal Register** a proposal to revise 46 CFR subpart 162.050 to reflect the new standards called for in those resolutions. In the interim, PPE manufacturers seeking Coast Guard approval and laboratories applying for designation as an authorized facility, may consider using alternative testing standards to those in the subpart 162.050 sections listed above—including alternative standards in resolutions MEPC.107(49) and MEPC.108(49), that the Coast Guard may, in its discretion, determine ensure equivalent performance characteristics.

**Commenting on Notice and Viewing Documents Referenced in It**

If you wish to submit comments regarding this policy notice, please send them to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**. All comments received will be posted, without change, to <http://dms.dot.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided. We have an agreement with the Department of Transportation (DOT) to use the Docket Management Facility. Please see DOT's "Privacy Act" paragraph below.

*Submitting comments:* If you submit a comment, please include your name and address, and identify the docket number for this rulemaking (USCG-2003-16696). You may submit your comments and material by electronic means, mail, fax, or delivery 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 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 that they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

*Viewing comments and documents:* To view comments, as well as documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time and conduct a simple search using the docket number. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Privacy Act:* Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the Department of Transportation's Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**Authority:** 46 U.S.C. 3306, 3703, E.O. 11735, 38 FR 21243; 3 CFR, 1971-1975 Comp., p. 793; 46 CFR 159.001-7 and 159.005-7; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

Dated: December 12, 2003.  
**Joseph J. Angelo,**  
*Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security & Environmental Protection.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed continuing information collections. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments on two forms used by FEMA's National Emergency Training Center (NETC) to approve and coordinate the use of the NETC facility for extracurricular training activities.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NETC is a FEMA facility that houses the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) and the National Fire Academy (NFA). NETC provides training and educational programs for Federal, State, and local personnel in hazard mitigation, emergency response and preparedness, fire prevention and control, disaster response, and long-term disaster recovery. Special groups sponsored by EMI, NFA or other FEMA organizations may use NETC facilities to conduct activities closely related to and in direct

support of their activities. Such groups include other Federal departments and agencies, groups chartered by Congress such as the American Red Cross, State and local governments, volunteer groups, and national and international associations representing State and local governments.

**Collection of Information**

*Title:* Approval and Coordination of Requirements to use NETC for Extracurricular Training Activities.

*Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*OMB Number:* 1660-0029.

*Form Numbers:* FEMA Form 75-10, Request for Housing Accommodations; and FEMA Form 75-11, Request for Use of NETC Facilities.

*Abstract:* Data will be obtained from special groups that request to use NETC facilities for extracurricular training activities. Extracurricular training is training over and above regularly scheduled training sessions of NFA and EMI. The policy of NETC is to accommodate other training activities on a space-available basis at the Emmitsburg campus. In order for NETC to approve and schedule the use of its facilities, information must be provided by special group organizations. A written, e-mail or telephone request for use of NETC facilities is initially made to determine availability of the facilities. If space is available, the contact person for the special group must follow up by completing FEMA Form 75-11 to provide information on the number of participants, meals, and special requirements. The information is used to assign classrooms, schedule equipment, and arrange for food service.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, local or tribal government; individuals or households; and business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 142 hrs.

FEMA forms	No. of respondents (A)	Frequency of response (B)	Hours per response (C) (minutes)	Annual burden hours (A × B × C) (hours)
75-10 .....	1500	1	5	125
75-11 .....	100	1	10	17
Total .....	1600	1	15	142

*Comments:* Written comments are solicited to (a) Evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall

have practical utility; (b) 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;

(c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through