

ammonium nitrate and to vote on the proposed final report as recommendations to the Coast Guard.

**DATES:** The CTAC teleconference will take place on Wednesday, January 28, 2004, from 10 a.m. until 12 a.m. (noon), EST. The TSAC teleconference will take place on Wednesday, January 28, 2004, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m., EST. These teleconferences may close early if all business is finished. Comments and related material must reach the Coast Guard before the public comment period at the teleconferences.

**ADDRESSES:** Members of the public may participate in these teleconferences by dialing 1-202-366-3920, pass code: 3199. Public participation is welcomed; however, the number of teleconference lines is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the public may also participate by coming to Room 1303, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. We request that members of the public who plan to attend this meeting notify LT Michael McKean at 202-267-0087 so that he may notify building security officials. Written comments should be sent to CDR Robert J. Hennessy, Executive Director, CTAC, or Mr. Gerald Miente, Assistant Executive Director, TSAC, Commandant (G-MSO), 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington DC 20593-0001 or Fax 202-267-4570. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Executive Director of CTAC, at telephone 202-267-1217, fax 202-267-4570, Assistant Executive Director of TSAC, at telephone 202-267-0221, fax 202-267-4570, or LT Michael McKean at telephone 202-267-0087, fax 202-267-4570.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, as amended).

#### Agenda of Teleconferences

- (1) Introductions and opening remarks.
- (2) Discussion of CTAC/TSAC working group findings regarding the potential addition of ammonium nitrate and ammonium nitrate fertilizers that are classified as oxidizers to the Coast Guard Certain Dangerous Cargo (CDC) definition.
- (3) Review proposed final report.
- (4) Public comment period.
- (5) Vote.
- (6) Closing remarks.

#### Procedural

The Chairpersons of CTAC and TSAC shall conduct the teleconferences in a way that will, in their judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During the teleconferences, the committees welcome public comment. Members of the public will be heard during the public comment period. The committees will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. Please note that the teleconferences may close early if all business is finished. Written comments must be submitted before the public comment period at the teleconferences to the Executive Director of CTAC or the Assistant Executive Director of TSAC (see **ADDRESSES**).

The teleconferences will be recorded and a summary will be available for public review upon request approximately 30 days following the teleconference meetings.

Dated: January 7, 2004.

**Joseph J. Angelo,**

*Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection.*

[FR Doc. 04-635 Filed 1-12-04; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4910-15-P**

#### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

##### Coast Guard

[CGD08-03-052]

##### Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC) and its working groups will meet to discuss waterway improvements, aids to navigation, area projects impacting safety on the Houston Ship Channel, and various other navigation safety matters in the Galveston Bay area. All meetings will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The next meeting of HOGANSAC will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2004 at 9 a.m. An advance meeting of the Committee's working groups will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2004 at 9 a.m. The meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. Members of the public may present written or oral statements at either meeting. Requests to make oral presentations or distribute written materials should reach the Coast Guard 5 working days before the meeting at which the presentation will be made. Requests to have written

materials distributed to each member of the committee in advance of the meeting should reach the Coast Guard at least 10 working days before the meeting at which the presentation will be made.

**ADDRESSES:** The full Committee meeting will be held at the Houston Pilot Association Office, 8150 South Loop East, Houston, Texas (713-645-9620). The working groups meeting will be held at the Galveston-Texas City Pilots Association Office, 1301 Pelican Island #1, Galveston, Texas (409-740-3336). This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Captain (CAPT) Richard Kaser, Executive Director of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5199, Commander (CDR) Tom Marian, Executive Secretary of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5164, or Lieutenant (LT) Sean Komatinsky, assistant to the Executive Secretary of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5103, e-mail [skomatinsky@vtshouston.uscg.mil](mailto:skomatinsky@vtshouston.uscg.mil).

Written materials and requests to make presentations should be sent to Commanding Officer, VTS Houston-Galveston, Attn: LT Komatinsky, 9640 Clinton Drive, Floor 2, Houston, TX 77029.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

#### Agendas of the Meetings

*Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC).* The tentative agenda includes the following:

- (1) Opening remarks by the Committee Sponsor (RADM Robert Duncan) (or the Committee Sponsor's representative), Executive Director (CAPT Richard Kaser) and Chairman (Mr. Tim Leitzell).
- (2) Approval of the October 9, 2003 minutes.
- (3) Old Business:
  - (a) Dredging projects.
  - (b) AtoN Knockdown Working Group and pending AtoN projects.
  - (c) Mooring subcommittee report.
  - (d) Education and Outreach subcommittee report.
  - (e) Area Maritime Security Committee Liaison's report.
  - (f) Bridge Allision Prevention Working Group.
  - (g) Swimmers Near Lynchburg.
  - (h) Electronic Navigation.
  - (i) Safe Harbor Working Group
  - (j) Maritime Incident Review Working Group
  - (k) Deepdraft Entry Facilitation Working Group
  - (l) Galveston Causeway Construction Working Group

## (4) New Business.

*Working Groups Meeting.* The tentative agenda for the working groups meeting includes the following:

(1) Presentation by each working group of its accomplishments and plans for the future.

(2) Review and discuss the work completed by each working group.

**Procedural**

Working groups have been formed to examine the following issues: dredging and related issues, electronic navigation systems, AtoN knockdowns, impact of passing vessels on moored ships, boater education issues, facilitating deep draft movements and mooring infrastructure. Not all working groups will provide a report at this session. Further, working group reports may not necessarily include discussions on all issues within the particular working group's area of responsibility. All meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. Members of the public may make presentations, oral or written, at either meeting. Requests to make oral or written presentations should reach the Coast Guard 5 working days before the meeting at which the presentation will be made. If you would like to have written materials distributed to each member of the committee in advance of the meeting, you should send your request along with 15 copies of the materials to the Coast Guard at least 10 working days before the meeting at which the presentation will be made.

**Information on Services for the Handicapped**

For information on facilities or services for the handicapped or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director, Executive Secretary, or assistant to the Executive Secretary as soon as possible.

Dated: December 30, 2003.

**J.W. Stark,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Commander, 8th Coast Guard Dist.*

[FR Doc. 04-588 Filed 1-12-04; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4910-15-P**

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Coast Guard**

[USCG-2003-16575]

**Protection of Migratory Birds; Memorandum of Understanding**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** As required by Executive Order 13186, the Coast Guard gives notice that it has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to promote the conservation of migratory bird populations in the context of the Rescue 21 Program on May 22, 2003. The MOU obligates the Coast Guard to consider its actions that might have substantial adverse impact on migratory birds and it requires the Coast Guard to incorporate certain specific concerns for migratory birds into its day-to-day decision-making.

**DATES:** The memorandum of understanding was signed by the Coast Guard on May 22, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding and Executive Order 13186 are available in the docket for this notice, USCG-2003-16575, in the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, and online at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions on this notice, call LT Curtis Borland, Office of Environmental Law, Coast Guard, telephone (202) 267-6000. If you have questions about viewing material in the docket, call Andrea M. Jenkins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone (202) 366-0271.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A copy of Executive Order 13186 of January 10, 2001, Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds, and the Memorandum of Understanding the Coast Guard has developed and implemented with the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of Interior in the context of the Rescue 21 Program in response to this Order are available in the docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

Rescue 21 is the name of the Coast Guard program to modernize the current National Distress System (NDS) which includes installing state-of-the-art, dual mode VHF/UHF telecommunications technology and deploying it at either existing NDS antenna tower sites, leased space on existing commercial tower sites, or new antenna tower sites. The NDS is the nation's maritime search and rescue "911" system and forms the backbone of the Coast Guard's Short Range Communication System. The NDS incorporates the use of very high frequency-frequency modulation (VHF-FM) radios to provide two-way voice communications coverage for the majority of USCG missions in coastal

areas and navigable waterways where commercial and recreational traffic exists. The current NDS system is outdated and suffers from technological obsolescence. The system was intended to provide coverage extending out approximately 20 nautical miles from the shore of the United States. Currently, there are more than 65 verified communications gaps and numerous localized coverage deficiencies.

Rescue 21 is an advanced search and rescue communications system that helps the Coast Guard to more effectively locate and assist boaters in distress. Rescue 21 will greatly improve the Coast Guard's ability to detect and locate the source of distress calls, eliminate known radio coverage gaps, and enhance Coast Guard command and control capabilities across all other missions, such as homeland security, environmental protection and law enforcement. Rescue 21 is designed to save lives in the 21st century.

Dated: December 10, 2003.

**Erroll Brown,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Systems.*

[FR Doc. 04-591 Filed 1-12-04; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4910-15-P**

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4909-N-01]

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment on the Evaluation of the Welfare to Work Voucher Program, Follow-on Survey Data Collection**

**AGENCY:** Office of Policy Development and Research, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** Comments Due Date: March 15, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and should be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 8226, Washington, DC 20410.