

Public deliberations by the panel took place May 17–19, 2004, at the Holiday Inn Old Town Select in Alexandria, Virginia. Following the May meeting, the draft expert panel report was revised to incorporate the panel's conclusions and subsequently reviewed by Acrylamide Expert Panel, NTP scientists, and CERHR personnel.

Additional Information About CERHR

The NTP and the NIEHS established the NTP CERHR in June 1998 [Federal Register Vol. 63, No. 239, page 68782, December 1998]. The purpose of the CERHR is to provide scientifically based, uniform assessments of the potential for adverse effects on reproduction and development caused by agents to which humans may be exposed. Further information on the CERHR's chemical review process, including how to nominate chemicals for evaluation and scientists for the expert registry, can be obtained from its Web site (<http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov>) or by contacting the CERHR directly (see address above). The CERHR Web site also has information on various environmental exposures and their potential to affect fertility, pregnancy, and child development and links to other resources for public health information.

Dated: June 10, 2004.

Samuel H. Wilson,

Deputy Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG 2004–18058]

Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee; Vacancies

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is seeking applications for appointment to membership on the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC). MERPAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Coast Guard on matters related to the training, qualification, licensing, certification, and fitness of seamen serving in the U. S. merchant marine.

DATES: Applications should reach us on or before August 30, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You may request an application form by writing to

Commandant (G–MSO–1), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593–0001. Please submit applications to the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Commander Brian J. Peter, Executive Director of MERPAC, or Mr. Mark C. Gould, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202–267–6890, fax 202–267–4570.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov/search/searchFormSimple.cfm> under the docket number [USCG–2004–18058]. The application form is also available on the Internet at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/advisory/app.pdf>. You may also obtain an application by calling Mr. Mark Gould at (202) 267–6890; by e-mailing him at mgould@comdt.uscg.mil; by faxing him at (202) 267–4570; or by writing him at the location in ADDRESSES above.

MERPAC is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. It provides advice and makes recommendations to the Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection, on matters of concern to seamen serving in our merchant marine, such as implementation of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW), as amended.

MERPAC meets normally twice a year, once at or near Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC, and once elsewhere in the country. Its subcommittees and working groups may also meet to consider specific tasks as required.

The Coast Guard will consider applications for seven positions that expire or become vacant in January 2005. It needs applicants with one or more of the following backgrounds to fill the positions:

- (a) Shipping company representative;
- (b) Licensed deck officer;
- (c) Pilot;
- (d) Licensed engineering officer;
- (e) Unlicensed member of the deck department;
- (f) Marine educator affiliated with state or federal maritime academies; and
- (g) Marine educator affiliated with a training institution other than state or federal maritime academies.

Each member serves for a term of three years. MERPAC members serve without compensation from the Federal Government; however, they do receive travel reimbursement and per diem.

In support of the policy of the Department of Homeland Security on

gender and ethnic diversity, the Coast Guard encourages applications from qualified women and members of minority groups.

Dated: June 14, 2004.

Joseph J. Angelo,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG–2004–17615]

Enforcement of SOLAS Requirements

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of policy.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is issuing this notice to inform U.S. flag vessels in foreign ports that should be meeting International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, (SOLAS), requirements, that we intend to more strictly and consistently enforce our regulations requiring SOLAS compliance. This enforcement notice is intended to warn such vessels to take steps to come into compliance and avoid the consequences of non-compliance.

DATES: Effective June 21, 2004
Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before September 20, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number USCG–2004–17615 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice, please contact Lieutenant Commander Martin Walker, Project Manager, Office of Compliance (G–MOC–1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, telephone 202–267–1047. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call