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Dated: November 29, 2004.

Samuel H. Wilson,

Deputy Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG–2001–9267]

Shipboard Technology Evaluation Program; Programmatic Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the availability of the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) that evaluated the potential environmental impacts resulting from the implementation of the Shipboard Technology Evaluation Program (STEP). The purpose of STEP is to facilitate the development of effective ballast water treatment technologies to protect U.S. waters against the unintentional introduction of nonindigenous species via ballast water discharges. STEP will create more options for vessels seeking alternatives to ballast water exchange as they manage their ballast water.

ADDRESSES: Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, are part of docket USCG–2001–9267 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>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this program call Mr. Bivan Patnaik, Project Manager at (202) 267–1744 or e-mail: bpatnaik@comdt.uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Andrea M. Jenkins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, Department of Transportation, telephone 202–366–0271.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Section 102(2)(c)), as implemented by the Council on Environment Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508) and Coast Guard Policy for Considering Environmental Impacts (COMDTINST M16475.1D), the Coast Guard prepared a final PEA and FONSI for implementing STEP.

Response to Comments

The Coast Guard received one comment on the draft PEA. The commenter stated that the Coast Guard made inaccurate statements regarding the effectiveness of ozone as a ballast water treatment technology and the corrosion issues associated with the use of ozone.

Although the Coast Guard commends the ongoing efforts of developers of ozone technologies as an effective treatment for ballast water, we disagree with the commenter. Based on our review of peer-reviewed published literature and documents submitted by the commenter, it is premature to conclude that ozone will effectively remove all organisms or that corrosion is not an issue. Therefore, no changes were made to the final PEA. We look forward to the results of future research on the effectiveness of ozone technologies and we encourage the commenter to consider participation in STEP.

Programmatic Environmental Assessment

The final PEA identified and examined those reasonable alternatives needed to effectively implement STEP. The final PEA analyzed the no action alternative and two action alternatives that could fulfill the purpose and need of STEP. The final PEA is a program document meant to provide a broad environmental review of a Federal agency’s (Coast Guard) national program. In this case, the final PEA provided a broad, general view of the potential environmental impacts that could be anticipated by implementing

STEP. Specifically, the final PEA considered potential effects to the natural and human environments including: fish; marine mammals; invertebrates; microbes and plankton; submerged and emergent species; threatened and endangered species; essential fish habitats; and various socioeconomic resources. The final PEA could not foresee all possible specific operational sites or cumulative environmental impacts as a result of implementing any of the action alternatives. However, once specific operational sites and individual shipboard ballast water treatment technologies have been identified, these technologies will undergo a more specific environmental review (tiering). This environmental review of individual shipboard ballast water treatment technologies and specific operational sites will result in the issuance of either: (1) Categorical Exclusion; (2) Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) after an Environmental Assessment (EA); or (3) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Dated: November 18, 2004.

Joseph J. Angelo,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Advisory Committee; Notice of Renewal

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Colorado State Office, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of renewal for the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: This notice is published in accordance with Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, Public Law 92–463. Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Interior has renewed the Bureau of Land Management’s Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Advisory Committee.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and counsel to the Bureau of Land Management, through the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Manager, regarding the development and implementation of a management plan for public lands within the Monument area.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melanie Wilson Gore, Intergovernmental Affairs (640), Bureau

of Land Management, 1620 L Street, NW., Room 406 LS, Washington, DC 20036, telephone (202) 452-0377.

Certification Statement

I hereby certify that the renewal of the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Advisory Committee is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the Secretary of the Interior's responsibilities to manage the lands, resources, and facilities administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: November 18, 2004.

Gale A. Norton,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Assistant Secretary—Policy, Management and Budget; Performance Review Board Appointments

AGENCY: Assistant Secretary—Policy, Management and Budget, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of appointments.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the names of individuals who have been appointed to serve as members of the Department of the Interior Performance Review Board. The Departmental Performance Review Board considers the initial rating and award recommendations for all Senior Executive Service members for the Department of the Interior.

EFFECTIVE DATE: These nominations are effective on December 8, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandra Streets, Acting Director, Office of Human Resources, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240; telephone: (202) 208-6761.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Departmental Performance Review Board is to consider the initial rating and award recommendations; review all documentation, including any written response by the executive being rated and any comments provided by a higher-level reviewer; conduct whatever additional review it deems necessary; and make written recommendations to the appropriate appointing authority regarding final performance ratings of record and the awarding of performance bonuses, Secretary's executive leadership awards, and performance-based pay rate adjustments. Assistant Secretaries/Equivalent Officials nominate Senior Executive Service

members in their organizations each year to serve on the Performance Review Board. The Executive Resources Board makes final selection of members. Appointment to the Performance Review Board is for one year, which is renewable.

The Department has appointed the following individuals to serve on the Department of the Interior 2004 Performance Review Board:

Marti Allbright, Director, Take Pride in America
 Karen Baker, Deputy Chief, Office of Administrative Policy and Services
 K. Lynn Bennett, State Director, Idaho
 Robert Bennett, State Director, Wyoming
 Elaine Brong, State Director, Oregon
 Robert Brown, Associate Director for Administration and Budget
 Melvin Burch, Regional Fiduciary Trust Administrator
 Chad Calvert, Deputy Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management
 Scott Cameron, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Performance, Accountability and Human Resources
 Debbie Clark, Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs
 David Cohen, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs
 Lucy Q. Denett, Associate Director for Minerals Revenue Management
 Lawrence Finfer, Deputy Director, Office of Policy Analysis
 Samuel Hamilton, Regional Director—Atlanta
 Jeanette Hanna, Regional Director, Eastern Oklahoma
 Abraham Haspel, Assistant Deputy Secretary
 Pamela Haze, Deputy Director, Office of Budget
 Paul Henne, Assistant Director, Business Management and Operations
 Paul Hoffman, Deputy Assistant Secretary—Fish and Wildlife and Parks
 James Hughes, Deputy Director, Programs and Policy
 Fay Iudicello, Director, Office of Executive Secretariat and Regulatory Affairs
 Daniel Jorjani, Chief of Staff and Counselor to the Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget
 Christopher Kearney, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs
 Suzette Kimball, Regional Director, Eastern Region
 Ronnie Levine, Assistant Director, Information Resources Management
 Mark Limbaugh, Deputy Commissioner (External and Intergovernmental Affairs)
 Jane Lyder, Legislative Counselor

Julie MacDonald, Deputy Assistant Secretary—Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Pamela Malam, Regional Geographer—Eastern Region

Robert McKenna, Chief Information Officer

Tom Melius, Assistant Director—External Affairs

Patricia Morrison, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management

Donald Murphy, Deputy Director, National Park Service

Michael Nedd, State Director, Eastern States

Wayne Nordwall, Regional Director, Western

Michael Olsen, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary

Fredrick Ore Deputy Director, Operations

Glenda Owens, Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining

Christopher Oynes, Regional Director, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region

Mamie Parker, Assistant Director—Fisheries and Habitat Conservation

Jason Peltier, Deputy Assistant Secretary—Water and Science

Ernie Quintana, Field Director, Midwest Area (Omaha)

Kirk Rodgers, Regional Director, Mid Pacific Region

Christine Schabacker, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary—Water and Science

Denise Sheehan, Assistant Director—Budget, Planning and Human Resources

Karen Siderelis, Geographic Information Officer

George Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management

Stanley Speaks, Regional Director, Northwest

Karen Taylor-Goodrich, Associate Director, Resource and Visitor Protection

Willie Taylor, Director, Office of Environmental Policy Compliance

Barbara Wainman, Chief, Office of Communication

Thomas Weimer, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Water and Science

Kathleen Wheeler, Deputy Chief Human Capital Officer

Dated: November 22, 2004.

Sandra Streets,

Acting Director, Office of Human Resources.

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