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#### Information Collection Request

1. *Title:* Oil Record Book for Ships.  
*OMB Control Number:* 1625-0009.

*Summary:* The Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (APPS), 33 U.S.C. 1901-1911, and the International Convention for Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the 1978 Protocol relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78), require that information about oil cargo or fuel operations be entered into an Oil Record Book (CG-4602A). The requirement is contained in 33 CFR 151.25.

*Need:* This information is used to verify sightings of actual violations of the APPS to determine the level of compliance with MARPOL 73/78 and as a means of reinforcing the discharge provisions.

*Respondents:* Operators of vessels.  
*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Burden Estimate:* The estimated burden has decreased from 29,048 hours to 26,993 hours a year.

2. *Title:* Request for Designation and Exemption of Oceanographic Research Vessels.

*OMB Control Number:* 1625-0014.

*Summary:* Title 46 U.S.C. 2113 authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security to exempt Oceanographic Research Vessels, by regulation, from provisions of Subtitle II, of Title 46, Shipping, of the United States Code, concerning maritime safety and seaman's welfare laws.

*Need:* This information is necessary to ensure a vessel qualifies for the designation.

*Respondents:* Owners or operators of vessels.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Burden Estimate:* The estimated burden has increased from 21 hours to 51 hours a year.

3. *Title:* Plan Approval and Records for Tank, Passenger, Cargo and Miscellaneous Vessels, Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, Nautical School Vessels, Oceanographic Research Vessels and Electrical Engineering ? 46 CFR Subchapters D, H, I, I-A, J, R, and U.

*OMB Control Number:* 1625-0038.

*Summary:* This information collection requires the shipyard, designer or manufacturer for the construction of a vessel to submit plans, technical information and operating manuals to the Coast Guard.

*Need:* Under 46 U.S.C. 3301, 3306, and 3307, the Coast Guard is responsible for enforcing regulations promoting the safety of life and property in marine transportation. The Coast Guard uses this information to ensure that a vessel meets the applicable standards for construction, arrangement and equipment.

*Respondents:* Shipyards, designers, and manufacturers of certain vessels.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Burden Estimate:* The estimated burden has increased from 8,835 hours to 13,790 hours a year.

4. *Title:* Declaration of Inspection Before Transfer of Liquid Cargo in Bulk.

*OMB Control Number:* 1625-0039.

*Summary:* A Declaration of Inspection (DOI) documents the transfer of oil and hazardous materials, to help prevent spills and damage to a facility or vessel. Persons-in-charge of the transfer operations must review and certify compliance with procedures specified by the terms of the DOI.

*Need:* 33 U.S.C. 1231 authorizes the Coast Guard to establish regulations to prevent the discharge of oil and hazardous material from vessels and facilities. The DOI regulations appear at 33 CFR 156.150 and 46 CFR 35.35-30.

*Respondents:* Persons-in-charge of transfers.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Burden Estimate:* The estimated burden has increased from 66,223 hours to 68,534 hours a year.

Dated: January 20, 2006.

**R.T. Hewitt,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Information Technology.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[USCG-2004-19842]

#### Ballast Water Management for Vessels Entering the Great Lakes That Declare No Ballast Onboard; 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 Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) that evaluated the potential environmental impacts resulting from the implementation of the policy on ballast water management for vessels entering the Great Lakes declaring no ballast onboard (NOBOB). The purpose of this policy is to prevent the introductions of aquatic nonindigenous species (NIS) into the Great Lakes.

**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 Coast Guard docket number USCG-2004-19842 and are available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., 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:** For information concerning this project, call Mr. Bivan Patnaik, Project Manager, Environmental Standards Division, U.S. Coast Guard, telephone 202-267-1744 or via e-mail: [bpatnaik@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:bpatnaik@comdt.uscg.mil). If you have any questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Ms. 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 of Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508) and Coast Guard Policy for Considering Environmental Impacts (COMDTINST M16475.1D), the Coast Guard prepared a Final EA and FONSI for implementing the policy on best management practices for NOBOB vessels.

### Response to Comments

The Coast Guard requested comments on the Draft EA when the Notice of policy; availability of Draft EA was published on August 31, 2005 (70 FR 51831). The Coast Guard received 11 comments; however, only 2 out of the 11 comments specifically addressed the Draft EA. Therefore, the Coast Guard will only respond to those comments that addressed the Draft EA.

One commenter agreed that the policy on best management practices for NOBOB vessels will have no adverse or beneficial significant impacts on the environment. The Coast Guard partially agrees with this comment. As the EA and FONSI discuss we agree that there will be no significant adverse impact; however, we do believe that beneficial impacts to the environment will occur if NOBOB vessels conduct the recommended best management practices. These practices are intended to prevent NIS from being introduced into the Great Lakes.

One commenter expressed disappointment that the Draft EA did not analyze mandatory best management practices as one of the alternatives.

The Coast Guard has been evaluating NOBOB vessels with residual water and sediments with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory (GLERL), and other partners as part of the NOAA/GLERL NOBOB Research Project. Although the NOAA/GLERL NOBOB Report published in April 2005, suggests that saltwater flushing (one of the Coast Guard's recommended best management practices) would be an effective practice to protect the Great Lakes from NIS in fresh and/or brackish residual waters, the practice has never been validated for efficacy or feasibility. We are working with NOAA/GLERL and other partners to evaluate both the efficacy and feasibility of saltwater flushing. The Coast Guard is also monitoring the level of participation of vessels conducting the recommended best management practices through record checks and sampling since vessels may not always be able to conduct these practices due to vessel/crew safety concerns and other operational requirements. These evaluations will determine if further

refinements to the program are necessary.

The Coast Guard is developing a ballast water discharge standard for all vessels including vessels which enter the Great Lakes because ballast water exchange and similar practices are interim measures. This standard will be more effective in preventing invasions than mandatory best management practices.

### Environmental Assessment

The Final EA identified and examined those reasonable alternatives needed to effectively prevent NIS introductions into the Great Lakes via NOBOB vessels. The Final EA analyzed the no action alternative and one action alternative that could fulfill the purpose and need of establishing best management practices for NOBOB vessels to reduce NIS introductions into the Great Lakes. Specifically, the Final EA considered potential effects to the natural and human environments by incorporating environmental analyses previously conducted for establishing ballast water management regulations for U.S. waters.

Dated: January 19, 2006.

**T.H. Gilmour,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5045–N–04]

### Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathy Ezzell, room 7266, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708–1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708–2565 (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1–800–927–7588.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 24 CFR part 581 and section 501 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.

11411), as amended, HUD is publishing this Notice to identify Federal buildings and other real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. The properties were reviewed using information provided to HUD by Federal landholding agencies regarding unutilized and underutilized buildings and real property controlled by such agencies or by GSA regarding its inventory of excess or surplus Federal property. This Notice is also published in order to comply with the December 12, 1988 Court Order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88–2503–OG (D.D.C.).

Properties reviewed are listed in this Notice according to the following categories: Suitable/available, suitable/unavailable, suitable/to be excess, and unsuitable. The properties listed in the three suitable categories have been reviewed by the landholding agencies, and each agency has transmitted to HUD: (1) Its intention to make the property available for use to assist the homeless, (2) its intention to declare the property excess to the agency's needs, or (3) a statement of the reasons that the property cannot be declared excess or made available for use as facilities to assist the homeless.

Properties listed as suitable/available will be available exclusively for homeless use for a period of 60 days from the date of this Notice. Where property is described as for "off-site use only" recipients of the property will be required to relocate the building to their own site at their own expense. Homeless assistance providers interested in any such property should send a written expression of interest to HHS, addressed to John Hicks, Division of Property Management, Program Support Center, HHS, room 5B–17, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857; (301) 443–2265. (This is not a toll-free number.) HHS will mail to the interested provider an application packet, which will include instructions for completing the application. In order to maximize the opportunity to utilize a suitable property, providers should submit their written expressions of interest as soon as possible. For complete details concerning the processing of applications, the reader is encouraged to refer to the interim rule governing this program, 24 CFR part 581.

For properties listed as suitable/to be excess, that property may, if subsequently accepted as excess by GSA, be made available for use by the homeless in accordance with applicable law, subject to screening for other Federal use. At the appropriate time,