

Advisory Council (NAC) will hold a public meeting on Thursday, September 7, 2006. The meeting will be held at the Wyndham New Orleans, Canal Place, 100 Rue Iberville, New Orleans, LA 70130. The purpose of the meeting is for the NAC members to provide expert advice, ideas and opinions on SBA programs and small business issues and discuss recent updates pertaining to the delivery of the Agency's programs and services. Information will be presented by members of the council or interested others.

Anyone wishing to attend or participate must contact Balbina Caldwell in writing, phone or e-mail, to be added to the agenda. Balbina Caldwell, Director, National Advisory Council, SBA Headquarters, 409 3rd Street SW., Washington DC 20416, phone (202) 205-6914, e-mail: balbina.caldwell@sba.gov.

For more information about the National Advisory Council, see our Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/nac/index.html>.

Sincerely,

Stephen D. Kong,

Acting General Counsel.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), National Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Advisory Board will be hosting a public annual meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2006. The meeting will be held at the Hilton Americas Hotel, 1600 Lamar Street, Room 203, Houston, Texas 77011.

The purpose of the meeting is to introduce our new board members and to discuss Advisory Board matters that may be presented by members and the staff of the SBA. Anyone wishing to attend the meeting must contact Erika Fischer, Senior Program Analyst, U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Small Business Development Centers, 409 3rd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416, telephone (202) 205-7045 or fax (202) 481-0681.

Stephen D. Kong,

Acting General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5407]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 2006, in Room 4236 of the Department of Transportation Headquarters, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the Eleventh Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Sub-Committee on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers to be held at the International Coffee Organization Headquarters in London, England from September 11 to September 15, 2006.

The primary matters to be considered include:

- Amendments to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code and Supplements including harmonization of the IMDG Code with the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.
- Amendments to the Code of Safe Practice for Solid Bulk Cargoes (BC Code) including evaluation of properties of solid bulk cargoes and mandatory application of the BC Code.
- Casualty and incident reports and analysis.
- Measures to enhance maritime security.
- Guidance on serious structural deficiencies in containers; reporting procedure on serious structural deficiencies.
- Review of the Code of Safety for Special Purpose Ships (SPS Code).
- Amendments to the Code of Safe Practice for Cargo Stowage and Securing (CSS Code).
- Revision of the guidelines for the Transport and Handling of Limited Amounts of Hazardous and Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk on Offshore Support Vessels (LHNS) and the guidelines for the Design and Construction of Offshore Supply Vessels (OSV).
- Extension of the Code of Practice for the Safe Unloading and Loading of Bulk Carriers (BLU Code) to include grain.
- Guidance on providing safe working conditions for securing of containers.
- Review of the Recommendations on the Safe Use of Pesticides in Ships.
- Application of requirements for dangerous goods in packaged form in SOLAS and the 2000 High Speed Craft (HSC) Code.

Members of the public may attend the meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. R.C. Bornhorst, U.S. Coast Guard (G-PSO-3), Room 1210, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 372-1426.

Dated: August 9, 2006.

Margaret Hayes,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5425]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 3, 2006, in Room 2415 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 55th Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) to be held at IMO, Central Hall Westminster in London, England from October 9th to 13th, 2006.

The primary matters to be considered include:

- Harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water;
- Recycling of ships;
- Prevention of air pollution from ships;
- Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments;
- Interpretation and amendments of MARPOL 73/78 and related instruments;
- Implementation of the International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation (OPRC) Convention and the OPRC-Hazardous Noxious Substance (OPRC-HNS) Protocol and relevant conference resolutions;
- Identification and protection of Special Areas and Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas;
- Inadequacy of reception facilities;
- Reports of sub-committees;
- Work of other bodies;
- Status of Conventions;
- Harmful anti-fouling systems for ships;
- Promotion of implementation and enforcement of MARPOL 73/78 and related instruments;
- Follow-up to United Nations Conference on Environment and

- Development (UNCED) and World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD);
- Technical co-operation programme;
- Future role of formal safety assessment and human element issues;
- Work program of the Committee and subsidiary bodies;
- Application of the Committees' Guidelines; and
- Consideration of the report of the Committee.

Please note that hard copies of documents associated with MEPC 55 will not be available at this meeting. Documents will be available in Adobe Acrobat format on CD-ROM. To request documents please write to the address provided below, or request documents via the following Internet link: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/mso/MOMEPC.htm>.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing to Lieutenant Heather St. Pierre, Commandant (G-PSO-4), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Room 1601, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 372-1432.

Dated: August 9, 2006.

Margaret Hayes,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5456]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Working Group on Radiocommunications and Search and Rescue (COMSAR) of the Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) will conduct open meetings at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 5, November 9, December 7, 2006 and January 4, February 8, 2007. The meetings will be held in suite 1060 of the Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM), 1800 North Kent Street, Arlington, VA 22209. This meeting is to prepare for the Eleventh Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) SOLAS COMSAR Sub-Committee scheduled for the week of February 19-23, 2007 in London, England.

Members of the public may attend these meetings up to the seating capacity of the rooms. Interested

persons may seek information, including meeting room numbers, by writing: Mr. Russell S. Levin, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Commandant (CG-622), Jemal Building Room JR10-1216, 1900 Half Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593 or by sending Internet electronic mail to rlevin@comdt.uscg.mil.

Dated: August 9, 2006.

Margaret Hayes,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5517]

Receipt of Application for a Permit for Pipeline Facilities To Be Constructed and Maintained on the Borders of the United States

AGENCY: Department of State.

The Department of State has received an application from TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP ("Keystone") for a Presidential permit, pursuant to Executive Order 11423 of August 16, 1968, as amended by Executive Order 12847 of May 17, 1993, and Executive Order 13284 of January 23, 2003 to construct, connect, operate, and maintain the Keystone Pipeline Project at the U.S.-Canadian border at Cavalier County, North Dakota, for the purpose of transporting Canadian crude oil production from the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin ("WCSB") to existing terminals in Missouri, Illinois, and potentially, Oklahoma.

TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP, is a limited liability company, organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. Keystone is a wholly-owned subsidiary of TransCanada Oil Pipelines Inc., a Delaware Corporation, with its principal office located at 450 1st Street, SW., Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 5H1. The proposed new pipeline would consist in the U.S. of 1,018 miles of 30-inch diameter pipeline and 55 miles of 24-inch diameter pipeline ("Keystone Mainline") from the U.S.-Canadian border at Cavalier County, North Dakota, to Patoka, Illinois. If the extension to Cushing, Oklahoma ("Cushing Extension") is constructed, it will consist of an additional 291 miles of 30-inch pipeline for a total of 1365 miles of pipeline. In Canada, the project would involve the sale to Keystone of an existing 530 mile, 34-inch diameter natural gas transmission pipeline currently owned by TransCanada Limited and conversion of that line to crude oil service. In addition, Keystone

will construct 230 miles of pipeline from Hardisty to the converted line and an additional 62 miles of pipeline from the converted line to the U.S. border.

As required by E.O. 13337, the Department of State is circulating this application to concerned Federal agencies for comment.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit, in duplicate, comments relative to this proposal on or before September 18, 2006 to Elizabeth Orlando, Office of Environmental Policy, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520. The application and related documents that are part of the record to be considered by the Department of State in connection with this application are available for inspection in the Office of Environmental Policy during normal business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elizabeth Orlando, Office of Environmental Policy, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, telephone 202-647-4284, facsimile 202-647-1052, E-mail orlandoea2@state.gov.

Dated: August 14, 2006.

John Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Environmental Policy, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; Smith County, TX

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared for the proposed U.S. Highway (U.S.) 69/Loop 49 North Lindale Reliever Route (LRR) project in Smith County, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald E. Davis, District Engineer, Federal Highway Administration—Texas Division, 300 E. 8th Street, Austin, Texas 78701, Telephone: 512-536-5960.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a proposal to construct a Lindale Reliever Route in Smith County, Texas. The proposed improvement would involve construction of a new location roadway