

Background and Purpose

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) provides an assessment of the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed regulation of residue resulting from the shipping of dry cargo on the Great Lakes. The preferred alternative would amend Coast Guard regulations in accordance with an existing policy that allows the discharge of nontoxic and nonhazardous bulk dry cargo residues in limited areas in the Great Lakes, with new requirements for recordkeeping and new designated special areas where discharges would be prohibited. The USCG has the authority to regulate such discharges on the Great Lakes under Section 623 of Public Law 108-293.

Dated: August 15, 2008.

Howard L. Hime,

Acting Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards, United States Coast Guard.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard**

[Docket No. USCG-2008-0778]

Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee will meet in New Orleans to discuss various issues relating to navigational safety on the Lower Mississippi River and related waterways. This meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The Committee will meet on Thursday, September 25th, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This meeting may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 12, 2008. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 12, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The Committee will meet at the New Orleans Yacht Club, 403 North Roadway West End, New Orleans, LA 70124. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Sector Commander, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) of Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee, USCG Sector New Orleans

ATTN: Waterways Management, 1615 Poydras St., New Orleans, LA 70112.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CWO3 David Chapman, Assistant to DFO of Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee, telephone 504-565-5103.

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

Agenda of Meeting

The agenda for the September 25, 2008 Committee meeting is as follows:

- (1) Introduction of committee members.
- (2) Opening Remarks.
- (3) Approval of the June 26, 2008 minutes.
- (4) Old Business.
 - (a) Captain of the Port status report.
 - (b) VTS update report.
 - (c) Subcommittee/Working Groups update reports.
- (5) Adjournment.

Procedural

This meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify the DFO no later than September 12, 2008. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than September 12, 2008. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee in advance of a meeting, please submit 25 copies to the DFO no later than September 12, 2008.

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the DFO as soon as possible.

Dated: July 28, 2008.

Joel R. Whitehead,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard**

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Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee; Meetings

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC) will meet in Nashville, TN, to discuss various issues relating to the training and fitness of merchant marine personnel. These meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: MERPAC will meet on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, and Wednesday, September 24, 2008, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. These meetings may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 10, 2008. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 10, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The Committee will meet at the Innovation Center at Vanderbilt University Center for Better Health, 3401 West End Avenue, Suite 100, Nashville, TN. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Captain Michael Blair, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) of MERPAC, at Commandant (CG-5221), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second St., SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice, as well as all task statements discussed in this notice, may be viewed in our online docket, USCG-2008-0816, at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mark Gould, Assistant to the DFO of MERPAC, at 202-372-1409.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92-463).

Agenda of Meeting

The agenda for the September 23, 2008, Committee meeting is as follows:

- (1) The full committee will meet to discuss the objectives for the meeting.
- (2) Working groups addressing the following task statements may meet to deliberate—

(a) Task Statement 30, concerning "Utilizing Military Sea Service for STCW Certifications";

(b) Task Statement 58, concerning "Stakeholder Communications During MLD Program Restructuring and Centralization"; and