

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Office of the Secretary****Privacy Act of 1974; Retirement of System of Records**

AGENCY: Privacy Office, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of the retirement of one Privacy Act system of records notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, the Department of Homeland Security is giving notice that it proposes to retire the following Privacy Act system of records notice, Treasury/CS.054 Confidential Statements of Employment and Financial Interests (66 FR 52984 October 18, 2001), from its inventory of record systems and rely upon the Government-wide system of records notice issued by the Office of Government Ethics, OGE/GOVT-2 Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Reports (68 FR 24722 May 8, 2003), which is written to cover all confidential statements of employment and financial interests record systems submitted by Federal Government employees.

DATES: These changes will take effect on October 30, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hugo Teufel III, Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528, by telephone (703) 235-0780 or facsimile (703) 235-0442.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, and as part of its ongoing integration and management efforts, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is retiring the system of records notice, Treasury/CS.054 Confidential Statements of Employment and Financial Interests (66 FR 52984 October 18, 2001), that was issued by the Customs Service, Department of the Treasury prior to the creation of the Department of Homeland Security.

DHS will continue to collect and maintain records regarding individuals who submit confidential statements of employment and financial interests and will rely upon the existing Federal Government-wide system of records notice titled OGE/GOVT-2 Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Reports (68 FR 24722 May 8, 2003), which is written to cover Federal employees who submit confidential statements of employment and financial interests.

Eliminating this notice will have no adverse impacts on individuals, but will promote the overall streamlining and

management of DHS Privacy Act record systems.

Dated: September 24, 2008.

Hugo Teufel III,

Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard**

[Docket No. USCG-2008-0991]

Proposed Modernization of the Coast Guard; Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the availability of the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for Coast Guard modernization. Based on the PEA's analysis and the mitigation plan committed to in the PEA, the Coast Guard determined that an environmental impact statement is not required, and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been issued for the proposed action.

Availability: Electronic copies of the Final PEA and FONSI, as well as comments received on the Draft PEA and FONSI, are available from the Federal Docket Management Facility at Internet Web site address: <http://www.regulations.gov> using the docket number USCG-2008-0991.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, please contact Ms. Kebby Kelley, USCG, telephone (202) 475-5690, e-mail: Kebby.Kelley@uscg.mil, or Mr. Frank Esposito, USCG, telephone (202) 372-3746, e-mail:

Frank.H.Esposito@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, please call Ms. Renee Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone (202) 366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), the Coast Guard prepared a Final PEA and FONSI for the Proposed Modernization of the Coast Guard.

Response to Comments

On August 15, 2008, the Coast Guard initiated a 30-day public comment period with publication of a Notice of Availability of the Proposed Modernization of the Coast Guard Draft PEA in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 47959). The Coast Guard received 23 public comments during this period.

Summary of Comments and the USCG Responses

Many of the 23 separate comments either acknowledged receipt or noted approval of the Coast Guard's modernization proposal. The remaining comments fell into the following four groups.

Several comments focused on the managerial philosophy and motivation of the Coast Guard in proposing this modernization. While these comments are useful to decision makers, they are not relevant to the environmental impact analyses associated with the proposed modernization and, therefore, will not be addressed in the Final PEA.

A second group of comments focused on decisions that are yet to be made, such as exact locations of possible new facilities or precise organizations that might or might not be moved. While these comments are also useful to decision makers, they are not yet ripe for further analysis and will not be considered further in the Final PEA. As stated in the Draft PEA, NEPA analysis and documentation may be prepared for future individual actions and their site-specific impacts if such actions are not adequately covered by this programmatic NEPA document.

The third group of comments advocated moving large segments of the Coast Guard to various new locations around the nation. These alternatives do not meet the purpose and need described in the PEA to minimize disruption to the workforce, minimize costs of modernization (such as, by utilizing existing facilities), and minimize disruption to mission execution. These proposals are, therefore, not evaluated in detail in the Final PEA.

Finally, a fourth group of comments was not addressed because it raised matters, such as the Deepwater Replacement contract, that are outside the scope of the Coast Guard modernization decision.

Background and Purpose

The Coast Guard intends to modernize its command structure, support systems, and business practices to position itself for sustainable and effective mission execution into the