

should receive a higher level of review. Moreover, all forms of antibiotic resistance occur naturally and the use of antibiotics creates selective pressure for resistant strains. The additional text recognizes that a drug may remain useful for control of a disease despite some percentage of the population of microorganisms having developed resistance. It is also intended to clarify that even if a particular drug is not considered the "drug of choice" to treat a disease, elimination of such a drug as a treatment option may still raise important clinical and public health considerations for certain subpopulations.

Once a Section III-A-I-a experiment is reviewed by the RAC and approved by the NIH Director, equivalent experiments may not need to follow the same approval process to determine the appropriate biosafety containment level for the work. A new section under III-B (Experiments that Require NIH/OBA and IBC Approval before Initiation) is proposed to be added to allow NIH/OBA the discretion to review and approve certain experiments if NIH/OBA determines that an equivalent experiment has already been approved by the NIH Director and there are no substantial changes to the proposed experiment or new information that would raise new biosafety or public health issues. Under this proposal, Investigators will be notified by NIH/OBA if such a determination has been made.

The following addition is proposed to be added to Section III-B of the *NIH Guidelines* to allow NIH/OBA the discretion to review and approve certain experiments that have been previously reviewed by the RAC and approved by the NIH Director as a Major Action.

"Section III-B-2, *Experiments that have been approved (under Section III-A-1-a) as Major Actions under the NIH Guidelines*

Upon receipt and review of an application from the investigator, NIH/OBA may determine that a proposed experiment is equivalent to an experiment that has previously been approved by the NIH Director as a Major Action, including experiments approved prior to implementation of these changes. An experiment will only be considered equivalent if, as determined by NIH/OBA, there are no substantive differences in experimental design or pertinent information has not emerged since submission of the initial III-A-1 experiment that would impact on the biosafety or public health risks for the proposed experiments. If such a determination is made by NIH/OBA, these experiments will not require

review and approval under Section III-A."

Dated: February 26, 2009.

Amy P. Patterson,

*Acting Director, Office of Science Policy,
National Institutes of Health.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2008-0929]

Collection of Information Under Review by Office of Management and Budget: OMB Control Numbers: 1625-0040

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Thirty-day notice requesting comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this request for comments announces that the U.S. Coast Guard is forwarding an Information Collection Request (ICR), abstracted below, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requesting a revision of their approval for the following collection of information: 1625-0040, Continuous Discharge Book, Application, Physical Exam Report, Sea Service Report, Chemical Testing, Entry Level Physical. Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and comments by OIRA ensure we only impose paperwork burdens commensurate with our performance of duties.

DATES: Please submit comments on or before April 3, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number [USCG-2008-0929] to the Docket Management Facility (DMF) at the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) or to OIRA. To avoid duplication, please submit your comments by only one of the following means:

(1) *Electronic submission.* (a) To Coast Guard docket at <http://www.regulation.gov>. (b) To OIRA by e-mail via: oira_submission@omb.eop.gov.

(2) *Mail or Hand delivery.* (a) DMF (M-30), DOT, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Hand deliver between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329. (b) To OIRA, 725 17th Street, NW.,

Washington, DC 20503, to the attention of the Desk Officer for the Coast Guard.

(3) *Fax.* (a) To DMF, 202-493-2251.

(b) To OIRA at 202-395-6566. To ensure your comments are received in time, mark the fax to the attention of the Desk Officer for the Coast Guard.

The DMF maintains the public docket for this Notice. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this Notice as being available in the docket, will become part of the docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room W12-140 on the West Building Ground Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find the docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

A copy of the complete ICR is available through the docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Additionally, copies are available from Commandant (CG-611), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters (Attn: Mr. Arthur Requina), 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The telephone number is 202-475-3523.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Arthur Requina, Office of Information Management, telephone 202-475-3523 or fax 202-475-3929, for questions on these documents. Contact Ms. Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, 202-366-9826, for questions on the docket.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard invites comments on whether this ICR should be granted based on it being necessary for the proper performance of Departmental functions. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing: (1) The practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of information subject to the collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments to Coast Guard or OIRA must contain the OMB Control Number of the ICR. Comments to Coast Guard must contain the docket number of this request, [USCG 2008-0929]. For your comments to OIRA to be considered, it is best if they are received on or before April 3, 2009.

Public participation and request for comments: We encourage you to respond to this request by submitting comments and related materials. We will post all comments received,

without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>. They will include any personal information you provide. We have an agreement with DOT to use their DMF. Please see the paragraph on DOT's "Privacy Act Policy" below.

Submitting comments: If you submit a comment, please include the docket number [USCG-2008-0929], indicate the specific section of the document to which each comment applies, providing a reason for each comment. We recommend you include your name, mailing address, an e-mail address, or other contact information in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission. You may submit comments and material by electronic means, mail, fax, or delivery to the DMF at the address under **ADDRESSES**; but please submit them by only one means. If you submit them by mail or delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know that they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. In response to your comments, we may revise the ICR or decide not to seek an extension of approval for this collection. The Coast Guard and OIRA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

Viewing comments and documents: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> to view documents mentioned in this Notice as being available in the docket. Enter the docket number [USCG-2008-0929] in the Search box, and click, "Go>>." You may also visit the DMF in room W12-140 on the West Building Ground Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Privacy Act: Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received in dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review a Privacy Act Statement regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008 issue of the **Federal Register** (73 FR 3316).

Previous Request for Comments

This request provides a 30-day comment period required by OIRA. The Coast Guard has published the 60-day notice (73 FR 54843, September 23, 2008) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2), and a follow-up notice reopening the comment period (73 FR 453, January 17, 2009). Neither Notice elicited any comments.

Information Collection Request

Title: Continuous Discharge Book, Application, Physical Exam Report, Sea Service Report, Chemical Testing, Entry Level Physical.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0040.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Abstract: Certain information is necessary for the Coast Guard to determine issuance eligibility of merchant mariner credentials, *i.e.*, license, certificate of registry, and merchant marine documents. Title 46 U.S.C. 7302(b) authorizes the Coast Guard to issue a Continuous Discharge Book (CG Form 719A) upon request from an individual. Title 46 CFR 10.205(a), 10.207(a), 10.209(a)(1), 12.02-9(a), and 12.02-27(a)(1) mandate that each applicant for a license, certificate of registry, or merchant mariner document shall make written application on a Coast Guard furnished form (CG Form 719B). Title 46 CFR 10.205(d), 12.05-5, and 12.15-5 require each applicant requesting a license or merchant mariner document to present a completed Coast Guard physical examination report (CG Form 719K) executed by the physician. Title 46 CFR 10.207(e)(2) and 10.209(d)(2) state the report may be required. Further, paragraph 10.211(a) mandates criteria (CG Form 719S) for documenting sea service on vessels of less than 200 gross registered tons. Title 46 CFR 10.202(i) and 12.02-9(f) mandates that each applicant shall produce evidence (CG Form 719P) of having passed a chemical test for dangerous drugs. Title 46 CFR 12.02-17(e) requires entry-level merchant mariner document applicants to provide a statement from a qualified practitioner attesting to the applicant's medical fitness to perform the functions for which the document is issued (CG Form 719K/E).

Forms: CG-719A, CG-719B, CG-719K, CG-719K/E, CG-719S, CG-719P.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden has decreased from 329,356 hours to 10,833 hours a year.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: February 25, 2009.

D.T. Glenn,

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

[Docket No. USCG-2009-0128]

National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee; Charter Renewal

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of charter renewal.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92-463), the Secretary of Homeland Security has renewed the charter for the National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC) for a 2-year period, from February 9, 2009 until February 9, 2011. This Committee advises the Coast Guard on safety, security and environmental protection issues relating to the offshore mineral and energy industries.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this notice and the Committee charter is available in our online docket, USCG-2009-0128, at <http://www.regulations.gov>. You may request a copy of the charter by writing Commander P.W. Clark, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) of NOSAC, at U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James M. Magill, Assistant to DFO of NOSAC; telephone 202-372-1414.

Dated: February 24, 2009.

Howard L. Hime,

Acting Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2009-0117]

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 Buzzards Bay, MA, 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 Thursday, April 16, 2009, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., and Friday, April 17, 2009, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. These meetings may close early if all business is finished. Written