DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App), notice is hereby given of the following meeting. The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable materials, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities Special NCMD Health Disparities Research on Minority and Underserved Population (R01).
Date: June 16–18, 2010.
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.
Place: EmbassySuites at theChevy Chase Pavilion, 4300 Military Road, NW., Washington, DC 20015.
Contact Person: Prabha L. Atreya, PhD, Chief, Office of Scientific Review, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Suite 800, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 594–8696, atreyapr@mail.nih.gov.
Dated: May 19, 2010.
Jennifer Spaeth,
Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection


ACTION: Notice of availability of draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment and request for comments.

SUMMARY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is advising the public that a draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for High Energy X-Ray Inspection Systems (HEXRIS) at sea and land ports of entry has been prepared and is available for public review. The draft PEA analyzes the potential environmental impacts due to the use of HEXRIS. CBP seeks public comment on the draft PEA. CBP will consider comments before issuing a final PEA.

DATES: The draft PEA will be available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days beginning on the date this document is published in the Federal Register. To ensure consideration, comments must be received by June 24, 2010. Comments regarding the draft PEA may be submitted as set forth in the ADDRESSES section of this document.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft PEA may be obtained by accessing the following Internet address: http://ecso.swf.usace.army.mil/Pages/Publicreview.cfm, or by sending a request to Guy Feyen of CBP by telephone (202–344–1531), by fax (202–344–1418), by e-mail to guy.feyen@dhs.gov or by writing to: CBP, Attn: Guy Feyen, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 1575, Washington, DC 20229.

You may submit comments on the draft PEA by mail or e-mail. Comments are to be addressed to CBP. Attention: Guy Feyen, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 1575, Washington, DC 20229, or sent to guy.feyen@dhs.gov.

Substantive comments received during the comment period will be addressed in, and included as an appendix to, the final PEA. The final PEA will be made available to the public through a Notice of Availability in the Federal Register.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

A draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the deployment and operation of High Energy X-Ray Inspection Systems (HEXRIS) at sea and land ports of entry has been completed by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Office of Information and Technology, Laboratories and Scientific Services, Interdiction Technology Branch. The draft PEA is available for public comment.

HEXRIS is a non-intrusive inspection technology that is used to aid in inspecting high-density cargo containers for contraband such as illicit drugs, currency, guns, and weapons of mass destruction. To assist in meeting CBP’s mission requirements of securing the borders of the United States while simultaneously facilitating legitimate trade and travel, HEXRIS units are proposed to be deployed and operated at both sea and land ports of entry across the U.S. and Puerto Rico. HEXRIS fills a unique niche in the types of inspection tools used by CBP at the nation’s ports of entry. HEXRIS is capable of penetrating dense cargo loads that cannot otherwise be examined with other technologies such as gamma imaging systems or low-energy X-ray systems. HEXRIS will also assist in fulfilling the requirement for the 100% scanning of containers entering the U.S. as directed in the Security and Accountability for Every (SAFE) Port Act of 2006. Public Law 109–347 (Oct. 13, 2006).

The draft PEA addresses the potential impacts from the installation and operation of HEXRIS at various ports throughout the United States for the purpose of conducting non-intrusive inspections of high density cargo containers. Evaluations were conducted on various resources present at the ports, including: Climate, soils, water quality, air quality, vegetation, wildlife, noise, infrastructure, aesthetics, and radiological health and safety.

Next Steps

This process is being conducted pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), and Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 5100.1, Environmental Planning Program of April 19, 2006.

Substantive comments concerning environmental impacts received from the public and agencies during the comment period will be evaluated to determine whether further environmental impact review is needed in order to complete the final PEA. Should CBP determine that the implementation of the proposed action would not have a significant impact on the environment, it will prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The FONSI would be published in the Federal Register.

Should CBP determine that significant environmental impacts exist due to the action, CBP will prepare a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
This NOI to prepare an EIS would be published in the Federal Register.

Dated: May 18, 2010.

Gregory Giddens,
Executive Director, Facilities Management and Engineering, Office of Administration. [FR Doc. 2010–12512 Filed 5–24–10; 8:45 am]
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG–2009–0384]

Maritime Security Directive 104–6 (Rev 2 and 3); Guidelines for U.S. Vessels Operating in High Risk Waters

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the release of Maritime Security (MARSEC) Directive 104–6 (Rev 2 and 3). This Directive only applies to U.S. flagged vessels subject to the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) on international voyages through or in designated high risk waters, and provides additional anti-piracy guidance and mandatory measures for these vessels operating in these areas where acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships are prevalent. MARSEC Directive 104–6 (Rev 2 and 3) also includes an annex that provides specific direction for vessels operating around the Horn of Africa. MARSEC Directives are designated Sensitive Security Information (SSI) and are not subject to public release.

DATES: MARSEC Directive 104–6 (Rev 2 and 3) are available on May 25, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The latest MARSEC Directives are available at your local Captain of the Port (COTP) office. Phone numbers and addresses for your local COTP office can be found in the Port Directory at http://homeport.uscg.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, call LCDR James T. Fogle, Office of Vessel Activities, Coast Guard, telephone 202–372–1038, e-mail James.T.Fogle@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing material on the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Somali pirates operate along a 2,300 mile coast and in 2.5 million square miles of ocean. Given the size and complexity of the affected area, a combination of domestic and international efforts is necessary to curb piratical activities. The combination of piracy and weak rule of law in the region offers a potential breeding ground for other transnational threats. Accordingly, the U.S. has used existing statutory authority to develop regulations designed to protect U.S.-flagged vessels and continues to work with international partners to prevent piracy.

On February 10, 2006, the Coast Guard announced the release of MARSEC Directive 104–6 (71 FR 7054) for those owners and operators of vessels subject to 33 CFR parts 101 and 104 to provide direction to U.S. flagged vessels operating in high risk areas where acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships is prevalent. MARSEC Directive 104–6 (Rev 1) provided an updated list of the high risk waters based on a biennial review of global piracy and terrorism threats.

MARSEC Directive 104–6 (Rev 2), which was completed on May 11, 2009, provides additional counter-piracy guidance to U.S. flagged vessels operating in high risk waters where acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships are prevalent. It also provides a listing of additional high risk waters, updated from the previous version of the Directive.

MARSEC Directive 104–6 (Rev 3) encourages the use of industry best management practices that have proven to be successful in thwarting pirate attacks and incorporates lessons-learned since the issuance of Revision 2.

To support the issuance of MARSEC Directive 104–6 (series), we have developed piracy-related Port Security Advisories (PSAs) to provide further guidance and direction to U.S. flagged vessels operating in high risk waters to help facilitate compliance with this directive. The PSAs can be found at http://homeport.uscg.mil/piracy, including a non-SSI version of this MARSEC Directive.

Procedural:

COTPs and District Commanders can access all MARSEC directives on Homeport by logging in and going to Missions > Maritime Security > Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) > Policy. Owners and operators of U.S. flagged vessels that travel on international voyages must contact their local COTP or cognizant District Commander to acquire a copy of MARSEC Directive 104–6 (Rev 3). COTPs or cognizant District Commanders may provide this MARSEC Directive to appropriate vessel owners and operators via mail or fax in accordance with SSI handling procedures.

Pursuant to 33 CFR 101.405, we consulted with the Department of State, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Transportation/Maritime Administration, Office of Naval Intelligence, Department of Commerce, Department of Justice, Military Sealift Command, Global Maritime Situational Awareness, Overseas Security Advisory Council, United States Agency for International Development, Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Customs and Border Protection, Transportation Security Administration, U.S. Africa Command, U.S. Central Command, and U.S. Transportation Command prior to issuing these Directives.

All MARSEC Directives issued pursuant to 33 CFR 101.405 are marked as SSI in accordance with 49 CFR Part 1520. COTPs and District Commanders will require individuals requesting a MARSEC Directive to prove that they meet the standards for a “covered person” under 49 CFR 1520.7, have a “need to know” the information, as defined in 49 CFR 1520.11, and that they will safeguard the SSI in MARSEC Directive 104–6 (Rev 3) as required in 49 CFR 1520.9.


Kevin S. Cook,
USCG, Director of Prevention Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5376–N–44]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Emergency Comment Request; HUD Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities—Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program, Public Law 111–117

AGENCY: Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Comments Due Date: June 1, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within seven (7) days from the