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Background and Purpose

Chapter 16 of Volume III of the *Marine Safety Manual (MSM)*, *Marine Industry Personnel*, COMDTINST M16000.8B, Qualified Ratings for Merchant Mariner's Documents, permits the issuance of an AB-MOU endorsement on a mariner's Merchant Mariner Credential, Merchant Mariner License, or Merchant Mariner Document. (*The MSM can be found online at: http://www.uscg.mil/directives/cim/16000-16999/CIM_16000_8B.pdf*.) This policy was put in place in order to increase the number of mariners eligible to serve on mobile offshore units.

The Coast Guard is considering whether to discontinue issuing merchant mariner credentials endorsed as AB-MOU. Under the proposed cancellation, mariners currently holding a credential endorsed as AB-MOU would be able to continue to serve under the authority of their existing credential until that credential expires. Upon these mariners' next renewal, the AB-MOU endorsement would be converted to one of the endorsements explicitly authorized by 46 U.S.C. 7306(b) and 46 CFR 12.05-1. As a default, the endorsement would be converted to AB-Limited unless the applicant's training and experience qualify the applicant for AB-Any Waters, Unlimited.

Authority

We issue this notice of cancellation under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 552(a).

Dated: September 16, 2011.

James A. Watson,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Director, Prevention Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-3329-EM; Docket ID FEMA-2011-0001]

Virginia; Emergency and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of an emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia (FEMA-3329-EM), dated August 26, 2011, and related determinations.

DATES: *Effective Date:* August 26, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peggy Miller, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3886.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated August 26, 2011, the President issued an emergency declaration under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5208 (the Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the emergency conditions in certain areas of the Commonwealth of Virginia resulting from Hurricane Irene beginning on August 26, 2011, and continuing, are of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.* ("the Stafford Act"). Therefore, I declare that such an emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

You are authorized to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures, authorized under Title V of the Stafford Act, to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety, and to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in the designated areas. Specifically, you are authorized to provide assistance for emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct Federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program. This assistance excludes regular time costs for subgrantees' regular employees.

Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance is supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes such amounts as you find necessary for Federal emergency assistance and administrative expenses.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration for the approved

assistance to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Administrator, Department of Homeland Security, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Donald L. Keldsen, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared emergency.

The following areas of the Commonwealth of Virginia have been designated as adversely affected by this declared emergency:

Accomack, Northampton, Isle of Wight, James City, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, Northumberland, Richmond, Westmoreland, and New Kent Counties and the independent cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, and Williamsburg for emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct Federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program.

The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households in Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance—Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.

W. Craig Fugate,

Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-3328-EM; Docket ID FEMA-2011-0001]

New York; Emergency and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of an emergency for the State of New York (FEMA-3328-EM), dated August 26, 2011, and related determinations.