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Freedom of Information Act Officer, http://www.dhs.gov or 1–866–431–0486. In addition you should:
• Explain why you believe the Department would have information on you;
• Identify which component(s) of the Department you believe may have the information about you;
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RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:
See “Notification procedure” above.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:
See “Notification procedure” above.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:
Records are obtained from several sources to include:
(A) Agencies seeking to determine immigration status;
(B) Individuals seeking public licenses, benefits, or credentials;
(C) Information collected from the Federal databases listed below: Arrival/Departure Information System (ADIS), Central Index System (CIS), Computer-Linked Application Information Management System 3 & 4 (CLAIMS 3 & CLAIMS 4), Customer Profile Management System (CPMS), Customs and Border Protection’s (CBP) Nonimmigrant Information System and Border Crossing Information (NIS and BCI), Enforcement Integrated Database (EID), Enforcement Alien Removal Module (EARM), Enterprise Citizenship and Immigration Services Centralized Operational Repository (eCISCOR), Enterprise Document Management System (EDMS), Marriage Fraud Amendment System (MFAS), Microfilm Digitization Application System (MiDAS), National File Tracking System (NFTS), Refugees, Asylum, and Parole System (RAPS), Student and Exchange Visitor Identification System (SEVIS), Immigration status (e.g., Lawful Permanent Resident) from the Department of Justice Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR), System and the Department of State the Consular Consolidated Database (DOS–CCD).
(D) Information created by the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:
None.


Mary Ellen Callahan,
Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Office of the Secretary
[Docket No. DHS–2012–0048]


AGENCY: Privacy Office, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of Privacy Act system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, the Department of Homeland Security proposes to update and reissue a current Department of Homeland Security system of records titled “Department of Homeland Security/United States Citizenship and Immigration Services—011 E-Verify Program System of Records.” The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services E-Verify Program allows employers to check citizenship status and verify employment eligibility of newly hired employees. The Department of Homeland Security is updating this Privacy Act System of Records Notice for the E-Verify Program in order to provide notice that E-Verify is: (1) Updating the “Category of Individuals” to remove USCIS employees and contractors, which are covered under the DHS/ALL–004 General Information Technology Access Account Records System SORN, and to remove individuals who have locked their Social Security Number (SSN) in E-Verify since this functionality is not available; (2) adding the collection of the foreign passport country of issuance (COI) from the employers using the recently updated Form I–9 and from the United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US–VISIT) Arrival and Departure Information System (ADIS) to the “Categories of Records;” (3) moving the list of sources of records from “Category of Records” to “Record Source Categories;” removing two decommissioned systems and adding two new systems to “Record Source Categories;” (4) removing the monitoring and compliance “Category of Records” because those are now covered by the Compliance Tracking and Management System (CTMS) SORN (74 FR 24022); (5) updating the system location information for the Verification Information System (VIS), the underlying technology supporting the E-Verify program, from a contractor-owned facility in Meriden, CT to a government-owned facility in Stennis, MS; (6) incorporating minor changes to the “Routine Uses” to improve clarity; and (7) adding COI to “Retrieveability” as a way in which DHS may retrieve records in this system of records.

This updated system is included in the Department of Homeland Security’s inventory of record systems.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 7, 2012. This updated system will be effective September 7, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number DHS–2012–0048 by one of the following methods:
• Fax: 202–343–4010.
• Mail: Jonathan R. Cantor, Acting Chief Privacy Officer, Privacy Office, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this rulemaking. All comments received will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to http://www.regulations.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background


DHS is updating this Privacy Act System of Records Notice for the E-Verify Program in order to provide notice that E-Verify is: (1) Updating the “Category of Individuals” to remove USCIS employees and contractors, which are covered under the DHS/ALL–004 General Information Technology Access Account Records System SORN, and to remove individuals who have locked their SSNs in E-Verify since this functionality is not currently available; (2) adding the collection of the foreign passport country of issuance (COI) from the employers using the recently updated I–9 Form and from the United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US–VISIT) Arrival and Departure Information System (ADIS) to the “Categories of Records;” (3) moving the list of sources of records from “Category of Records” to “Record Source Categories,” removing two decommissioned systems and adding two new systems to “Record Source Categories;” (4) removing the monitoring and compliance “Category of Records” because those are now covered by the Compliance Tracking and Management System (CTMS) SORN (74 FR 24022); (5) updating the system location information for the Verification Information System (VIS), the underlying technology supporting the E-Verify program, from a contractor-owned facility in Meriden, CT to a government-owned facility in Stennis, MS; (6) incorporating minor changes to the “Routine Uses” to improve clarity; and (7) adding COI to “Retrievability” as a way in which DHS may retrieve records in this system of records.

DHS is updating the “Category of Individuals” to remove USCIS employees and contractors. These individuals are covered under the DHS/ALL–004 General Information Technology Access Account Records System SORN. Additionally DHS is updating the “Category of Individuals” to remove individuals who have locked their SSNs in E-Verify. Functionality that enables individuals to lock their SSNs is not available in E-Verify.

As described in more detail in the DHS/USCIS/PIA–030(d), E-Verify currently uses the I–94 number, which is generally issued to aliens at the time they lawfully enter the United States, as a primary identifier to determine employment eligibility for non-immigrants. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is in the process of automating the I–94 system to increase efficiency and streamline the admission process for travelers to the United States. However, since E-Verify depends on the integrity of the I–94 number and the CBP’s automation efforts are still underway, USCIS is updating it process for E-Verify by using a foreign passport number and COI as a primary identifier. A stand-alone passport number does not result in a unique primary identifier because multiple countries could issue the same passport number. Employers will enter the foreign passport number and COI. E-Verify will verify this data against ADIS.

In order to provide greater clarity in this SORN, USCIS has removed the sources of records that were described in the “Category of Records” and moved them to “Source Record Categories.” In addition to moving the list of source records, DHS has removed two sources, ISRS and RNACS, and added one new source of records, Customer Profile Management System (CPMS) for biometric information on individuals issued a Permanent Resident Card (Form I–551).

DHS removed the monitoring and compliance “Category of Records” because those are now covered by the Compliance Tracking and Management System (CTMS) SORN (74 FR 24022).

DHS is also providing public notice of the relocation of the VIS system. In alignment with OMB’s Federal Data Center Consolidation Initiative, the DHS Office of the Chief Information Officer is consolidating 43 of the Department’s legacy data centers into two Enterprise Data Centers (EDCs), known as Data Center (DC) 1 and DC2. The consolidation of numerous Component systems at our EDCs enables more effective collection and use of business information across the enterprise. VIS was originally stored in a contractor-owned facility in Meriden, CT. Since the publication of the original SORN, the system has moved to the DHS-owned facility, DC1.

DHS is updating the routine uses to add additional clarity concerning the uses of data. These updates do not create any new sharing uses of data. The routine uses are being updated to add general language ensuring that “[a]ny disclosure of information must be made consistent with the official duties of the person making the disclosure.” Routine uses A, B, and D are being reworded to provide greater clarity and make non-substantive grammatical changes. Routine use C is being updated to change “other federal government agencies” to “General Services Administration” to better reflect the statutory authorities and the fact that records will be shared with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) where NARA maintains the records as permanent records.

DHS is updating “Retrievability” to include COI as a way in which DHS may retrieve records in this system of records.

II. Privacy Act

The Privacy Act embodies fair information practice principles in a statutory framework governing the means by which the federal government agencies collect, maintain, use, and disseminate individuals’ records. The Privacy Act applies to information that is maintained in a “system of records.” A “system of records” is a group of any records under the control of an agency for which information is retrieved by the name of an individual or by some identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual. In the Privacy Act, an individual is defined to encompass U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents. As a matter of policy, the Department of Homeland Security extends administrative Privacy Act protections to all individuals where systems of records maintain information on U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, and visitors.


In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(r), DHS has provided a report of this system of records to the Office of Management and Budget and to Congress.

System of Records

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)—011

SYSTEM NAME:

DHS/U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services—011—E-Verify Program

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified, for official use only.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Records are maintained at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
(USCIS) Headquarters in Washington, DC and field offices; and at the DHS Stennis Data Center (DC1).

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:
Categories of individuals covered by the E-Verify program include: employees, both U.S. Citizens and non-U.S. Citizens, whose employers have submitted to E-Verify their identification information; employers who enroll in E-Verify; designated agents who enroll in E-Verify; individuals employed or retained by employers or designated agents who have accounts to use E-Verify; individuals who contact E-Verify with information on the use of E-Verify; and individuals who provide their names and contact information to E-Verify for notification or contact purposes.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:
A. Information about the employee to be verified:
• Name (last, first, middle initial, maiden)
• Date of Birth
• Social Security Number
• Date of Hire
• Information related to the expiration of the three day hire
• Awaiting SSN
○ Technical Problems
○ Audit Revealed New Hire Was Not Run
B. Federal Contractor With E-Verify
C. Employment Eligibility Information created by E-Verify:
• Case Verification Number
• VIS Response
○ Employment Authorized
○ SSA TNC
○ DHS TNC
○ SSA Case in Continuance (In rare cases SSA needs more than 10 federal government workdays to confirm employment eligibility)
○ DHS Case in Continuance (In rare cases DHS needs more than 10 federal government workdays to confirm employment eligibility)
• SSA FNC
• DHS Verification in Process
• DHS Employment Unauthorized
• DHS No Show
• DHS FNC
D. Information about the Individual
• First Name
• Last Name
• Email Address
• Fax Number
• User ID
E. Information from federal databases
• Last Name
• First Name
• Middle Initial
• Phone Number
• Fax Number
• Email Address
• User ID
F. Information from state Motor Vehicle Agencies (MVAs) used to verify the information from a driver’s license, permit, or state issued ID card if the state has established a MOA with DHS USCIS to allow verification of this information. The categories of records from MVAs may include:
• Last Name
• First Name
• State or Jurisdiction of Issuance
• Document Type
• Document Number
• Date of Birth
• Status Text
• Status Description Text
• Expiration Date
G. Information from federal databases used to verify employment eligibility may contain some or all of the following information about the individual being verified:
• Last Name
First Name
Middle Name
Maiden Name
Date of Birth
Age
Country of Birth
Country of Citizenship
Alien Number
Social Security Number
Citizenship Number
Receipt Number
Address
Previous Address
Phone Number
Nationality
Gender
Photograph
Date Entered United States
Class of Admission
File Control Office Code
Form I–94 Number
Provision of Law Cited for Employment Authorization
Office Code Where the Authorization Was Granted
Date Employment Authorization Decision Issued
Date Employment Authorization Begins
Date Employment Authorization Expires
Date Employment Authorization Denied
Confirmation of Employment Eligibility
TNC of Employment Eligibility and Justification
FNC of Employment Eligibility
Status of Department of Justice
Executive Office Immigration Review System (EOIR) Information, if in Proceedings
Date Alien’s Status Changed
Class of Admission Code
Date Admitted Until
Port of Entry
Departure Date
Visa Number
Passport Number
Passport Information including COI
Passport Card Number
Form Number, for example Form I–551 (Lawful Permanent Resident card) or Form I–766 (Employment Authorization Document);
Expiration Date
Employment Authorization Card Information
Lawful Permanent Resident Card Information
Petitioner Internal Revenue Service Number
Class of Admission
Valid To Date
Student Status
Visa Code
Status Code
Status Change Date
Port of Entry Code
Non-Citizen Entry Date
Program End Date
Naturalization Certificate Number
Naturalization Date and Place
Naturalization Information and Certificate
Naturalization Verification
(Citizenship Certificate Identification ID)
Naturalization Verification
(Citizenship Naturalization Date/Time)
Immigration Status (Immigration Status Code)
Federal Bureau of Investigation Number
Admission Number
Petitioner Firm Name
Petitioner Tax Number
Date of Admission
Marital Status
Marriage Date and Place
Marriage Information and Certificate
Visa Control Number
Visa Foil Number
Class of Admission
Federal Bureau of Investigation Number
Case History
Alerts
Case Summary Comments
Case Category
Date of Encounter
Encounter Information
Case Actions & Decisions
Bonds
Current Status
Asylum Applicant Receipt Date
Airline and Flight Number
Country of Residence
City Where Boarded
City Where Visa was Issued
Date Visa Issued
Address While in United States
File Number
File Location

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:
Authority for having a system for verification of employment eligibility is found in The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA), Public Law 104–208 (1996).

PURPOSE(S):
This system provides employment authorization information to employers participating in E-Verify. It may also be used to support monitoring and compliance activities for obtaining information in order to prevent the commission of fraud, discrimination, or other misuse or abuse of the E-Verify system, including violation of privacy laws or other illegal activity related to misuse of E-Verify, including:

- investigating duplicate registrations by employers;
- inappropo rate registration by individuals posing as employers;
- Verifications that are not performed within the required time limits; and
- cases referred by and between E-Verify and the Department of Justice Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices, or other law enforcement entities.

Additionally, the information in E-Verify may be used for program management and analysis, program outreach, customer service and preventing or deterring further use of stolen identities in E-Verify.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:
In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, all or a portion of the records or information contained in this system may be disclosed outside the Department of Homeland Security as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3). Any disclosure of information must be made consistent with the official duties of the person making the disclosure. The routine uses are as follows:

A. To the Department of Justice (DOJ), including U.S. Attorney Offices, or other federal agency conducting litigation or in proceedings before any court, adjudicative or administrative body, when it is relevant or necessary to the litigation and one of the following is a party to the litigation or has an interest in such litigation:

1. DHS or any component thereof;
2. any employee of DHS in his/her official capacity;
3. any employee of DHS in his/her individual capacity where DOJ or DHS has agreed to represent the employee; or
4. the U.S. or any agency thereof.

B. To a congressional office from the record of an individual in response to a written inquiry from that congressional office made pursuant to a Privacy Act waiver from the individual to whom the record pertains.

C. To the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) or General Services Administration pursuant to records management inspections being conducted under the authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906.

D. To an agency or organization for the purpose of performing audit or oversight operations as authorized by law, but only such information as is necessary and relevant to such audit or oversight function.

E. To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when:

1. DHS suspects or has confirmed that the security or confidentiality of...
between economic or property interests, identity theft or fraud, or harm to the security or integrity of this system or other systems or programs (whether maintained by DHS or another agency or entity) or harm to the individual that rely upon the compromised information; and

3. The disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with DHS’s efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed compromise and prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

F. To contractors and their agents, grantees, experts, consultants, and other performing or working on a contract, service, grant, cooperative agreement, or other assignment for DHS, when necessary to accomplish an agency function related to this system of records. Individuals provided information under this routine use are subject to the same Privacy Act requirements and limitations on disclosure as are applicable to DHS officers and employees.

G. To an appropriate federal, state, tribal, local, international, or foreign law enforcement agency or other appropriate authority charged with investigating or prosecuting a violation or enforcing or implementing a law, rule, regulation, or order, where a record, either on its face or in conjunction with other information, indicates a violation or potential violation of law, which includes criminal, civil, or regulatory violations and such disclosure is proper and consistent with the official duties of the person making the disclosure.

H. To employers participating in the E-Verify Program in order to verify the employment eligibility of their employees working in the United States.

I. To the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators Network and participating MVAs for the purpose of validating information for a driver’s license, permit, or identification card issued by the Motor Vehicle Agency of states or jurisdictions who have signed a Memorandum of Agreement with DHS under the Records and Information from Departments of Motor Vehicles for E-Verify (RIDE) program.

J. To the DOJ, Civil Rights Division, for the purpose of responding to matters within the DOJ’s jurisdiction of the E-Verify Program, especially with respect to discrimination.

K. To the news media and the public, with the approval of the Chief Privacy Officer in consultation with counsel, when there exists a legitimate public interest in the disclosure of the information or when disclosure is necessary to preserve confidence in the integrity of DHS or is necessary to demonstrate the accountability of DHS’s officers, employees, or individuals covered by the system, except to the extent it is determined that release of the specific information in the context of a particular case would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:

None.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Records in this system are stored electronically or on paper in secure facilities in a locked drawer behind a locked door. The records are stored on magnetic disc, tape, digital media, and CD–ROM.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records may be retrieved by name, verification case number, Alien Number, I–94 Number, Receipt Number, Passport (U.S. or Foreign) Number and Country of Issuance (COI), Driver’s License, Permit, or State-Issued Identification Card Number, or SSN of the employee, employee user, or by the submitting company name.

SAFEGUARDS:

Records in this system are safeguarded in accordance with applicable rules and policies, including all applicable DHS automated systems security and access policies. Strict controls have been imposed to minimize the risk of compromising the information that is being stored. Access to the computer system containing the records in this system is limited to those individuals who have a need to know the information for the performance of their official duties and who have appropriate clearances or permissions.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

The retention and disposal schedule, N1–566–08–7 has been approved by the National Archives and Records Administration. Records collected in the process of enrolling in E-Verify and in verifying employment eligibility are stored and retained in E-Verify for ten (10) years, from the date of the completion of the last transaction unless the records are part of an on-going investigation in which case they may be retained until completion of the investigation. This period is based on the statute of limitations for most types of misuse or fraud possible using E-Verify (under 18 U.S.C. 3291, the statute of limitations for false statements or misuse regarding passports, citizenship, or naturalization documents).

SYSTEM MANAGER AND ADDRESS:

Chief, Verification Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Washington, DC 20528.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking notification of and access to any record contained in this system of records, or seeking to contest its content, may submit a request in writing to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer, whose contact information can be found at http://www.dhs.gov/foia under “contacts.” If an individual believes more than one component maintains Privacy Act records concerning him or her the individual may submit the request to the Chief Privacy Officer and Chief Freedom of Information Act Officer, Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Drive SW., Building 410, STOP–0655, Washington, DC 20528.

When seeking records about yourself from this system of records or any other Departmental system of records your request must conform with the Privacy Act regulations set forth in 6 CFR part 5. You must first verify your identity, meaning that you must provide your full name, current address and date and place of birth. You must sign your request, and your signature must either be notarized or submitted under 28 U.S.C. 1746, a law that permits statements to be made under penalty of perjury as a substitute for notarization. While no specific form is required, you may obtain forms for this purpose from the Chief Privacy Officer and Chief Freedom of Information Act Officer, http://www.dhs.gov or 1–866–431–0486. In addition you should:

• Explain why you believe the Department would have information on you;
• Identify which component(s) of the Department you believe may have the information about you;
• Specify when you believe the records would have been created;
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If your request is seeking records pertaining to another living individual, you must include a statement from that individual certifying his/her agreement for you to access his/her records.
Without the above information the component(s) may not be able to conduct an effective search, and your request may be denied due to lack of specificity or lack of compliance with applicable regulations.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**
See “Notification procedure” above.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**
See “Notification procedure” above.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**
Records are obtained from several sources including:
(A) Information collected from employers about their employees relating to employment eligibility verification;
(B) Information collected from E-Verify users used to provide access and monitoring;
(C) Information collected from Federal and state databases listed below:
- Social Security Administration Numident System
- CBP Nonimmigrant Information System (NIIS) and Border Crossing Information (BCI)
- ICE Student and Exchange Visitor Identification System (SEVIS)
- ICE ENFORCE Integrated Database (EID) Enforcement Alien Removal Module (EARM) Alien Number
- USCIS Aliens Change of Address System (AR–11)
- USCIS Central Index System (CIS)
- USCIS Customer Profile Management System (CPMS)
- USCIS Computer-Linked Application Information Management System Version 3 (CLAIMS 3)
- USCIS Computer-Linked Application Information Management System Version 4 (CLAIMS 4)
- USCIS Citizenship and Immigration Services Centralized Operational Repository (CISCOR)
- USCIS National File Tracking System (NFTS)
- USCIS Microfilm Digitization Application System (MiDAS)
- USCIS Marriage Fraud Amendment System (MFAS)
- USCIS Enterprise Document Management System (EDMS)
- USCIS Refugees, Asylum, and Parole System (RAPS)
- US–VISIT Arrival Departure Information System (ADIS)
- Department of State Consular Consolidated Database (CCD)
- Department of Justice Executive Office Immigration Review System (EOIR) State Motor Vehicle Administrations, if participating in the E-Verify RIDE initiative.
- (D) Information created by E-Verify.

**EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:**
None.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Coast Guard**

[Docket No. USCG—2012–0763]

**Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC) will meet in Washington, DC, to discuss various issues related to the training and fitness of merchant marine personnel. This meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** MERPAC working groups will meet on September 11, 2012, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., and the full committee will meet briefly on the morning of September 11 and on September 12, 2012, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. This meeting may adjourn early if all business is finished. Written comments to be distributed to committee members and placed on MERPAC’s Web site are due August 31, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The Committee will meet in Room 2501 of the U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593.

Attendees will be required to provide a picture identification card and pass through a magnetometer in order to gain admittance to the U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters Building. Visitors should also arrive at least 30 minutes in advance of the meeting in case of long lines at the entrance.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance, contact Mr. Rogers Henderson at 202–372–1408 as soon as possible.

To facilitate public participation, we are inviting public comment on the issues to be considered by the Committee and working groups as listed in the “Agenda” section below. Written comments must be identified by Docket No. USCG–2012–0763 and submitted by one of the following methods:
- Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments (preferred method to avoid delays in processing).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Rogers Henderson, Alternate Designated Federal Officer (ADFO), telephone 202–372–1408.

If you have any questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

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

MERPAC is an advisory committee established under the Secretary’s authority in section 871 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Title 6, United States Code, section 451, and chartered under the provisions of the FACA. The Committee acts solely in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through the Commandant of the Coast Guard and the Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards on matters relating to personnel in the U.S. merchant marine, including but not limited to training, qualifications, certification, documentation, and fitness standards. The Committee will advise, consult with, and make