

Jr. Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20593–7509. Due to security at the new Headquarters building, members of the public wishing to attend should register with Mr. Gerald Miente, ADFO of MERPAC, at (202) 372–1407 or gerald.p.miente@uscg.mil no later than November 7, 2013. All visitors to Coast Guard Headquarters must provide identification in the form of a Government issued picture identification card for access to the facility. Please arrive at least 30 minutes before the planned start of the meeting in order to pass through security.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance, contact Mr. Gerald Miente at 202–372–1407 or at gerald.p.miente@uscg.mil as soon as possible.

To facilitate public participation, we are inviting public comment on the issues to be considered by the committee as listed in the “Agenda” section below. Written comments for distribution to committee members and inclusion on the MERPAC Web site must be submitted on or before November 7, 2013.

Written comments must be identified by Docket No. USCG–2013–0884 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).

- *Fax:* 202–493–2251.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility (M–30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- *Hand delivery:* Same as mail address above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. The telephone number is 202–366–9329. Instructions: All submissions received must include the words “Department of Homeland Security” and the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may review a Privacy Act notice regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008, issue of the **Federal Register** (73 FR 3316). Docket: For access to the docket to read documents or comments related to this notice, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, enter the docket number in the “Search” field and follow the instructions on the Web site.

A public oral comment period will be held after the working group report.

Speakers are requested to limit their comments to 3 minutes. Please note that the public oral comment period may end before the prescribed ending time following the last call for comments. Contact Gerald Miente as indicated above no later than November 7, 2013, to register as a speaker. This notice may be viewed in our online docket, USCG–2013–0884, at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gerald Miente, Alternate Designated Federal Officer (ADFO), telephone 202–372–1407, or at gerald.p.miente@uscg.mil.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Title 5, United States Code (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 recommendations reflecting its independent judgment to the Secretary.

A copy of all meeting documentation is available at <https://homeport.uscg.mil> by using these key strokes: Missions; Port and Waterways Safety; Advisory Committees; MERPAC; and then use the Announcements key. Alternatively, you may contact Mr. Miente as noted in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

Agenda

The agenda for the November 14, 2013 committee teleconference meeting is as follows:

- (1) Introduction;
- (2) Roll call of committee members and determination of a quorum;
- (3) Designated Federal Officer (DFO) announcements;
- (4) Reports from the Task Statement 85 working group, concerning Review of Draft Update to Marine Safety Manual (Volume III), Chapters 20 through 26.
- (5) Public comment period/presentations.

(6) Discussion of working group recommendations. The committee will review the information presented on this issue, deliberate on any recommendations presented by the working group and approve/formulate recommendations for the Department’s consideration. Official action on these recommendations may be taken on this date.

(7) Closing remarks.

(8) Adjournment of meeting.

Dated: October 10, 2013.

J. G. Lantz,

Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG–2013–0886]

National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC) will meet on November 13 and 14, 2013, in Houston, TX, to discuss various issues related to safety of operations and other matters affecting the oil and gas offshore industry. These meetings are open to the public.

DATES: Subcommittees of NOSAC will meet on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the full committee will meet on Thursday, November 14, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please note that the meetings may close early if the committee has completed its business or be extended based on the level of public comments.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the offices of Det Norske Veritas (DNV), 1400 Ravello Drive, Katy, TX, 77450, 1–504–522–0083. The November 13th subcommittee meetings will be held in the DNV Conference space. The November 14th full committee meeting will also be held in the DNV Conference space. When arriving, please check in with the DNV receptionist for directions to the Conference space.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the person listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** as soon as possible.

To facilitate public participation, we are inviting public comment on the

issues to be considered by the committee prior to the adoption of recommendations as listed in the "AGENDA" section below. Comments must be submitted in writing no later than November 7, 2013, and must be identified by USCG-2013-0886 and may be submitted by *one* of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax*: (202) 493-2251.
- *Mail*: Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery*: Same as mail address above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

- To avoid duplication, please use only one of these methods.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may review a Privacy Act notice regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008, issue of the **Federal Register** (73 FR 3316).

Docket: For access to the docket to read documents or comments related to this Notice, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, insert USCG-2013-0886 in the Keyword ID box, press Enter, and then click on the item you are interested in viewing.

A public comment period will be held during the meeting on November 14, 2013, and speakers are requested to limit their comments to 5 minutes. Please note that the public comment period may end before the time indicated, following the last call for comments. Contact one of the individuals listed below to register as a speaker.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commander Rob Smith, Designated Federal Official (DFO) of NOSAC, Commandant (CG-OES-2), U.S. Coast Guard, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE., Stop 7509, Washington, DC 20593-7509; telephone (202) 372-1410, fax (202) 372-1926, or Mr. Scott Hartley, Alternate Designated Federal Official (ADFO) of NOSAC, Commandant (CG-OES-2), U.S. Coast Guard, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE., Stop 7509, Washington, DC 20593-7509; telephone (202) 372-1437, fax (202) 372-1926. If

you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Barbara Hairston, 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). NOSAC provides advice and recommendations to the Department of Homeland Security on matters and actions concerning activities directly involved with or in support of the exploration of offshore mineral and energy resources insofar as they relate to matters within U.S. Coast Guard jurisdiction.

Agenda

Day 1

The following NOSAC subcommittees will meet to review, discuss and formulate recommendations:

- (1) Standards for Accommodation Service Vessels.
- (2) Life Saving and Fire Fighting Voluntary Standards on the Outer Continental Shelf.
- (3) Electrical Equipment in Hazardous Areas on Foreign Flag Mobile Offshore Drilling Units.
- (4) Safety Impact of Liftboat Sea Service Limitations.
- (5) Marine Casualty Reporting/Form CG-2692 Revisions.
- (6) Commercial Diving Safety on the OCS.

Subcommittee task statements and additional information are located at the following web address: <https://homeport.uscg.mil/NOSAC>.

Day 2

The NOSAC will meet on November 14, 2013, to review and discuss progress and or final reports and recommendations received from the above listed subcommittees from their deliberations on November 13th. The Committee will then use this information and consider public comments in formulating recommendations to the agency. Public comments or questions will be taken at the discretion of the DFO during the discussion and recommendation portion of the meeting as well as during public comment period, see Agenda item (9).

A complete agenda for November 14th is as follows:

- (1) Presentation and discussion of progress reports and or final reports and any recommendations from the subcommittees and subsequent actions on:

- (a) Standards for Accommodation Service Vessels;

- (b) Life Saving and Fire Fighting Voluntary Standards on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS);

- (c) Electrical Equipment in Hazardous Areas on Foreign Flag Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (MODUs);

- (d) Safety Impact of Liftboat Sea Service Limitations;

- (e) Marine Casualty Reporting/Form CG-2692 Revisions; and

- (f) Commercial Diving Safety on the OCS.

- (2) New Business—Introduction of a new Task Statement by the Coast Guard;

- (a) Safety and Environmental Management System Requirements for Vessels on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf.

- (3) USCG-Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement Memorandum of Understanding/Memorandum of Agreements presentation;

- (4) USCG Outer Continental Shelf National Center of Expertise briefing on OCS safety issues;

- (5) International Association of Drilling Contractors discussion on important International and National offshore oil exploration activities;

- (6) Safety and Environmental Management System (SEMS)/Safety Management System (SMS) implementation and the use of Ultimate Work Authority presentation;

- (7) Hardware in Loop (HIL)/Integrated Software Dependent Systems presentation;

- (8) Challenges with using Liquefied Natural Gas as a marine fuel presentation; and

- (9) Public comment.

The agenda, new task statements and presentations will be available approximately 7 days prior to the meeting at the <https://www.fido.gov> Web site or by contacting Mr. Scott Hartley. Use "code 68" to identify NOSAC when accessing this material through the Web site. Once you have accessed the committee page, click on the meetings tab and then the "View" button for the meeting dated November 14, 2013, to access the information for this meeting. Subcommittee reports will be available approximately 10 days after this meeting. Minutes will be available approximately 90 days after this meeting. All of the above listed information can also be found at an alternative site using the following web address: <https://homeport.uscg.mil/NOSAC>.

The meeting will be transcribed. A transcript of the meeting and any material presented at the meeting will be made available through the <https://www.fido.gov> and <https://homeport.uscg.mil/NOSAC> Web sites.

The committee will review the information presented on each issue, deliberate on any recommendations presented in the subcommittees' progress reports, and formulate recommendations for the agency's consideration.

Dated: October 9, 2013.

J. G. Lantz,

Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2013-0522]

Tank Vessel Oil Transfers

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces that it is considering new measures to reduce the risks of oil spills in oil transfer operations from or to a tank vessel, and requests public input on measures that can be implemented to reduce these risks. The Coast Guard may use that input to inform future rulemaking efforts.

DATES: Comments and related material must either be submitted to our online docket via <http://www.regulations.gov> on or before November 22, 2013 or reach the Docket Management Facility by that date.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG-2013-0522 using any one of the following methods:

(1) *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

(2) *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

(3) *Mail:* Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(4) *Hand delivery:* Same as mail address above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the "Public Participation and Request for Comments" portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, call or email Ken Smith, Vessel and Facility Operating Standards Division (CG-OES-2), U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 202-372-1413, email Ken.A.Smith@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Barbara Hairston, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation and Request for Comments

We encourage you to submit comments and related material on the topics and questions described in this notice. All comments received will be posted, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided.

Submitting comments: If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (USCG-2013-0522) and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. You may submit your comments and material online, or by fax, mail or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. We recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, type the docket number (USCG-2013-0522) in the "SEARCH" box and click "SEARCH." Click on "Submit a Comment" on the line associated with this notice. If you submit your comments by mail or hand 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. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

Viewing the comments and material in the docket: To view comments and material on the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, type the docket number (USCG-2013-0522) in the "SEARCH" box and click "SEARCH." Click on "Open Docket Folder" on the line associated with this notice. If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting the Docket Management facility in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE.,

Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. We have an agreement with the Department of Transportation to use the Docket Management Facility.

Privacy Act: Anyone can search the electronic form of comments received into any of our 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, system of records notice regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008, issue of the **Federal Register** (73 FR 3316).

Background and Purpose

Currently, applicable regulations that address reducing the risk of oil spills exist in 33 CFR subchapter O and in 46 CFR subchapter D. Section 702 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010 requires the Coast Guard to promulgate additional regulations to reduce the risks of oil spills in operations involving the transfer of oil from or to a tank vessel (Pub. L. 111-281, codified at 46 U.S.C. 3703 Note). In accordance with section 702, the Coast Guard intends to focus on operations that have the highest risks of discharge, including operations at night and in inclement weather. We are considering whether or not to establish new or amend existing regulations for the use of equipment, such as putting booms in place for transfers, safety, and environmental impacts; and operational procedures such as manning standards, communication protocols, and restrictions on operations in high-risk areas. We are also taking into account the safety of personnel and effectiveness of available procedures and equipment for preventing or mitigating transfer spills.

Request for Comments

We seek public input and assistance in identifying appropriate issues to assist reducing the risks of oil spills in operations involving the transfer of oil from or to a tank vessel. We request input on the following questions:

1. In addition to operations at night and inclement weather, what other oil transfer operations to or from tank vessels have the highest risk of spilling oil?

2. What measures should the Coast Guard implement to reduce the spillage of oil from other high-risk operations conducted during oil transfer operations to or from tank vessels?

3. What measures should the Coast Guard implement to reduce spillage of