agreement with the Department of Transportation to use the Docket Management Facility.

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Background and Purpose

The shipping industry is exploring conversion from oil-based bunker fuel to cleaner burning natural gas, because the use of natural gas as vessel fuel would substantially reduce carbon emissions, sulfur emissions, and nitrogem oxide emissions. This fuel would be stored on and transferred to vessels in the form of liquefied natural gas (LNG). To date, the Coast Guard has issued no policy or regulations specifically for vessels receiving LNG for use as fuel or for vessels and waterfront facilities providing LNG for use as fuel. Existing regulations cover design, equipment, operations, and training of personnel on vessels that carry LNG as cargo and at waterfront facilities that handle LNG in bulk. They also cover conventional oil fuel transfer operations, but do not address LNG transferred as fuel. The shipping industry, including vessels and waterfront facilities intending to provide LNG as fuel, is looking to the Coast Guard to provide guidance to help ensure the safe transfer and use of LNG as a marine fuel.

The Coast Guard has developed two draft policy letters, available in the docket, that recommend transfer procedures and other operating guidelines for vessels and waterfront facilities providing LNG to vessels for use as fuel and for vessels operating in U.S. waters that will be fueled with natural gas that will be stored onboard as LNG. The Coast Guard is interested in receiving public comment on these draft policy letters and voluntary guidelines prior to finalizing them for signature and public release. At a future date, we may initiate a rulemaking on the topics discussed in these policy letters.

The draft policy letters and voluntary guidance would not apply to vessels that carry LNG as cargo and utilize their boil-off gas as fuel. They also would not provide guidance on vessel design criteria for natural gas fuel systems or design of vessels providing LNG for use as fuel. Questions related to the design of these systems should be referred to the Coast Guard’s Office of Design and Engineering Standards (CG–ENG, formerly CG–521). To communicate with CG–ENG, please contact Mr. Ken Smith (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section for details).

Voluntary Policy

The draft policy letters proposed would be voluntary, except where existing regulatory requirements are discussed. Although they may assist the industry, public, Coast Guard, and other Federal and State regulators in applying existing statutory and regulatory requirements, the draft policy letters and guidance they contain are not a substitute for applicable legal requirements nor are they regulations themselves. We note the ongoing work of the International Maritime Organization in this area, in particular regarding training of personnel engaged in these operations. Developments within this body will be taken into account during possible future revisions of the draft policy letters. During the course of local operations, each Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) has discretionary authority on how best to address specific safety and security concerns within his or her area of responsibility (see, e.g., 33 CFR 1.01–30). Nothing in the draft policy letters and guidance they contain are meant to override or subvert the discretion of the COTP when addressing the unique safety and security concerns of an LNG operation.

This notice is issued under authority of 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 33 U.S.C. 1221–1236.


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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

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