

load, while continuing to maintain their F-1 student status.

The January 12, 2010 earthquake caused extensive damage to Haiti's infrastructure, public health, agriculture, transportation, and educational facilities. Haiti continues to struggle with many people still displaced as a result of the earthquake. According to the International Organization for Migration, as of September 2013, approximately 172,000 individuals still remained in temporary camps. For these reasons, among others, Haiti continues to experience significant difficulties as the country strives to recover. F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Haiti may depend on money from relatives in Haiti who are themselves continuing to recover from the earthquake.

The United States is committed to continuing to assist the people of Haiti. DHS is therefore extending this employment authorization for F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Haiti and who continue to experience severe economic hardship as a result of the earthquake.

How do I apply for an employment authorization under the circumstances of this notice?

F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Haiti who were lawfully present in the United States on January 12, 2010 and are experiencing severe economic hardship as a result of the earthquake may apply for employment authorization under the guidelines described in 75 FR 56120. This notice extends the time period during which such F-1 students may seek employment authorization due to the earthquake. It does not impose any new or additional policies or procedures beyond those listed in the original notice. All interested F-1 students should follow the instructions listed in the original notice.

Jeh Charles Johnson,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS-2014-0009]

Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council

AGENCY: Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Committee Management; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council (HSAAC) will meet on March 19, 2014 in Washington, DC. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The HSAAC will meet Wednesday, March 19, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please note that the meeting may close early if the committee has completed its business.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Ronald Reagan International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Floor B, Room B1.5-10, Washington, DC 20004. All visitors to the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center must bring a Government-issued photo ID. Please use the main entrance on 14th Street, NW.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, send an email to AcademicEngagement@hq.dhs.gov or contact Lindsay Burton at 202-447-4686 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 the recommendations as listed in the "Supplementary Information" section below. Comments must be submitted in writing no later than Tuesday, March 11, 2014, must include DHS-2014-0009 as the identification number, and may be submitted using one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- **Email:** AcademicEngagement@hq.dhs.gov. Include the docket number in the subject line of the message.
- **Fax:** 202-447-3713.
- **Mail:** Academic Engagement; MGMT/Office of Academic Engagement/Mailstop 0440; Department of Homeland Security; 245 Murray Lane SW; Washington, DC 20528-0440.

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.

Docket: For access to the docket, to read background documents or comments received by the Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for "HSAAC" then select the notice dated March 3, 2014.

One thirty-minute public comment period will be held during the meeting on March 19, 2014 after the conclusion of the presentation of draft

recommendations, but before the HSAAC deliberates. Speakers will be requested to limit their comments to three minutes. Contact the Office of Academic Engagement as indicated below to register as a speaker.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lindsay Burton, Office of Academic Engagement/Mailstop 0440; Department of Homeland Security; 245 Murray Lane SW; Washington, DC 20528-0440, email: AcademicEngagement@hq.dhs.gov, tel: 202-447-4686 and fax: 202-447-3713.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the *Federal Advisory Committee Act*, 5 U.S.C. Appendix. (Pub. L. 92-463). The HSAAC provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary and senior leadership on matters relating to student and recent graduate recruitment; international students; academic research; campus and community resiliency, security and preparedness; faculty exchanges; and cybersecurity.

Agenda: The six HSAAC subcommittees (Student and Recent Graduate Recruitment, Homeland Security Academic Programs, Academic Research and Faculty Exchange, International Students, Campus Resilience, and Cybersecurity) will give progress reports and may present draft recommendations for action in response to the taskings issued by the Department. The full Council will review its progress to-date and DHS senior leadership will provide an update on the Department's efforts in implementing the HSAAC's approved recommendations.

The meeting materials will be posted to the HSAAC Web site at: <http://www.dhs.gov/homeland-security-academic-advisory-council-hsaac> no later than March 17, 2014.

Responsible DHS Official: Lauren Kielsmeier, AcademicEngagement@hq.dhs.gov, 202-447-4686.

Dated: February 24, 2014.

Lauren Kielsmeier,
Executive Director for Academic Engagement.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2013-1065]

Towing Safety Advisory Committee; March 2014 meeting

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) will meet in New Orleans, Louisiana on March 20, 2014, to review and discuss recommendations from its subcommittees and to receive briefs listed in the agenda under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. The subcommittees will meet on March 19, 2014, and work on nine assigned tasks listed in the referenced agenda. All meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: TSAC subcommittees will meet on Wednesday, March 19, 2014, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The full TSAC Committee will meet on Thursday, March 20, 2014, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. These meetings may close early if the Committee has completed its business. All submitted written materials, comments, and requests to make oral presentations at the meetings should reach Lieutenant Commander William A. Nabach, Alternate Designated Federal officer (ADFO) for TSAC no later than March 10, 2014. For contact information, please see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below. Any written material submitted by the public will be distributed to the Committee and become part of the public record.

ADDRESSES: All meetings will be held at the Wyndham Riverfront New Orleans Bacchus Conference Room, 701 Convention Center Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70130.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the individuals listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section, 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 must be submitted no later than March 10, 2014 and must be identified by Docket No. USCG-2013-1065 and may be submitted by *one* of the following methods:

- Federal Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. (Preferred method to avoid delays in processing).
- 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. We encourage use of electronic submissions because security screening may delay the delivery of mail.
- Fax: 202-493-2251.

- 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 of this notice. All comments submitted 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-2013-1065 in the Search box, press Enter, and then click on the item you wish to view.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Commander Robert L. Smith Jr., Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for TSAC, 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 202-372-8382, or email Robert.L.Smith@uscg.mil or Lieutenant Commander William A. Nabach, Alternate Designated Federal Officer (ADFO), TSAC; telephone (202) 372-1386, fax (202) 372-8382 or email william.a.nabach@uscg.mil. If you have any questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Cheryl Collins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the *Federal Advisory Committee Act* (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix (Pub. L. 92-463). TSAC is established in accordance with and operates under the provisions of the FACA. As stated in 33 U.S.C. 1231a, the Towing Safety Advisory Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Department of Homeland Security on matters relating to shallow-draft inland and coastal waterway navigation and towing safety.

Agenda of Meetings

The subcommittees will meet on March 19, 2014, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., to work on their specific task assignments:

- (1) Recommendations Regarding Manning of Inspected Towing Vessels.
- (2) Recommendations to Create Standardized Terminology for the Towing Industry.

- (3) Recommendations for Evaluating Placement of Structures Adjacent to or Within the Navigable Channel.

- (4) Recommendations for Designation of Narrow Channels.

- (5) Recommendations for the Maintenance, Repair and Utilization of Towing Equipment, Lines and Couplings.

- (6) Recommendations Regarding Steel Repair of Inspected Towing Vessels on Inland Service.

- (7) Recommendations For Mid-Stream Liquefied Natural Gas and Compressed Natural Gas Refueling of Towing Vessels.

- (8) Recommendations for Improvement of Coast Guard Marine Casualty Reporting.

- (9) Recommendation to Establish Criteria for Identification of Air Draft for Towing Vessels and Tows.

On March 20, 2014, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., TSAC will meet to receive oral and written reports from its subcommittees on the following issues:

- (1) Recommendations Regarding Manning of Inspected Towing Vessels. A progress update will be given.

- (2) Recommendations to Create Standardized Terminology for the Towing Industry. A final report will be given.

- (3) Recommendations for Evaluating Placement of Structures Adjacent to or Within the Navigable Channel. A final report will be given.

- (4) Recommendations for Designation of Narrow Channels. A progress update will be given.

- (5) Recommendations for the Maintenance, Repair and Utilization of Towing Equipment, Lines and Couplings. A progress update will be given.

- (6) Recommendations Regarding Steel Repair of Inspected Towing Vessels on Inland Service. A final report will be given.

- (7) Recommendations For Mid-Stream Liquefied Natural Gas and Compressed Natural Gas Refueling of Towing Vessels. A progress update will be given.

- (8) Recommendations for Improvement of Coast Guard Marine Casualty Reporting. A progress update will be given.

- (9) Recommendation to Establish Criteria for Identification of Air Draft for Towing Vessels and Tows. A progress update will be given.

There will be a comment period for TSAC and a comment period for the public after each final report presentation, but before each is voted on by the Committee. The Committee will review the information presented on each issue, deliberate on any

recommendations presented in the subcommittees' reports, and formulate recommendations for the Department's consideration.

The Committee is scheduled to receive the following briefs:

(1) National Plan for Safety and Security of Especially Hazardous Cargo.

(2) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District Set-back Standard Operating Procedures.

(3) Carriage of Shale Gas Extraction Wastewater in Bulk.

A copy of each draft report, presentation and the final agenda will be available at <https://homeport.uscg.mil/tsac>.

An opportunity for oral comments by the public will be provided during the meeting on March 20, 2014. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to 3 minutes. Please note that the public oral comment period may end before the end of the stated meeting times if the Committee has finished its business. Please contact Lieutenant Commander William A. Nabach, listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to register as a speaker.

Minutes

Minutes from the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 90 days following the close of the meeting and can be accessed from the Coast Guard Homeport Web site <http://homeport.uscg.mil/tsac>.

Notice of Future 2014 TSAC Meetings

To receive automatic email notices of future TSAC meetings in 2014, go to the online docket, USCG-2013-1065 (<http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=USCG-2013-1065>), and select the sign-up-for-email-alerts option. We plan to use the same docket number for all TSAC meeting notices in 2014, so when the next meeting notice is published you will receive an email alert from www.regulations.gov when the notice appears in this docket.

Dated: February 25, 2014.

J.G. Lantz,

Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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Extension of the Designation of Haiti for Temporary Protected Status

AGENCY: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Through this Notice, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announces that the Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) is extending the designation of Haiti for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for 18 months from July 23, 2014 through January 22, 2016.

The extension allows currently eligible TPS beneficiaries to retain TPS through January 22, 2016, so long as they otherwise continue to meet the eligibility requirements for TPS. The Secretary has determined that an extension is warranted because the conditions in Haiti that prompted the TPS designation continue to be met. There continues to be a substantial, but temporary, disruption of living conditions in Haiti based upon extraordinary and temporary conditions in that country that prevent Haitians who have TPS from safely returning.

Through this Notice, DHS also sets forth procedures necessary for nationals of Haiti (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Haiti) to re-register for TPS and to apply for renewal of their Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Re-registration is limited to persons who have previously registered for TPS under the designation of Haiti and whose applications have been granted. Certain nationals of Haiti (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Haiti) who have not previously applied for TPS may be eligible to apply under the late initial registration provisions, if they meet: (1) At least one of the late initial filing criteria; and, (2) all TPS eligibility criteria (including continuous residence in the United States since January 12, 2011, and continuous physical presence in the United States since July 23, 2011).

For individuals who have already been granted TPS under the Haiti designation, the 60-day re-registration period runs from March 3, 2014 through

May 2, 2014. USCIS will issue new EADs with a January 22, 2016 expiration date to eligible Haiti TPS beneficiaries who timely re-register and apply for EADs under this extension. Given the timeframes involved with processing TPS re-registration applications, DHS recognizes that not all re-registrants will receive new EADs before their current EADs expire on July 22, 2014. Accordingly, through this Notice, DHS automatically extends the validity of EADs issued under the TPS designation of Haiti for 6 months, from July 22, 2014 through January 22, 2015, and explains how TPS beneficiaries and their employers may determine which EADs are automatically extended and their impact on Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I-9) and the E-Verify processes.

DATES: The 18-month extension of the TPS designation of Haiti is effective July 23, 2014, and will remain in effect through January 22, 2016. The 60-day re-registration period runs from March 3, 2014 through May 2, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

- For further information on TPS, including guidance on the application process and additional information on eligibility, please visit the USCIS TPS Web page at <http://www.uscis.gov/tps>.

You can find specific information about this extension of Haiti for TPS by selecting "TPS Designated Country: Haiti" from the menu on the left of the TPS Web page.

- You can also contact the TPS Operations Program Manager at the Family and Status Branch, Service Center Operations Directorate, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20529-2060; or by phone at (202) 272-1533 (this is not a toll-free number). **Note:** The phone number provided here is solely for questions regarding this TPS Notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries.

- Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS Web site at <http://www.uscis.gov>, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 800-375-5283 (TTY 800-767-1833). Service is available in English and Spanish.

- Further information will also be available at local USCIS offices upon publication of this Notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Table of Abbreviations

BIA—Board of Immigration Appeals