

On October 18, 1991, the President delegated his authority under 33 U.S.C. 2732(o) to the Secretary of Transportation in Executive Order 12777, section 8(g) (see 56 FR 54757; October 22, 1991) for purposes of certifying advisory councils, or groups, subject to the Act. On March 3, 1992, the Secretary redelegated that authority to the Commandant of the USCG (see 57 FR 8582; March 11, 1992). The Commandant redelegated that authority to the Chief, Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection (G-M) on March 19, 1992 (letter #5402).

On July 7, 1993, the USCG published a policy statement, 58 FR 36504, to clarify the factors that shall be considered in making the determination as to whether advisory councils, or groups, should be certified in accordance with the Act.

The Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (CG-5), redelegated recertification authority for advisory councils, or groups, to the Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District on February 26, 1999 (letter #16450).

On September 16, 2002, the USCG published a policy statement, 67 FR 58440, that changed the recertification procedures such that applicants are required to provide the USCG with comprehensive information every three years (triennially). For each of the two years between the triennial application procedure, applicants submit a letter requesting recertification that includes a description of any substantive changes to the information provided at the previous triennial recertification. Further, public comment is not solicited prior to recertification during streamlined years, only during the triennial comprehensive review.

#### Discussion of Comments

On May 23, 2014 the USCG published a Notice of Availability; request for comments for recertification of Cook Inlet Regional Citizens' Advisory Council in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 1187). We received 54 comments from the public commenting on the proposed action. No public meeting was requested, and none was held. All 54 comments were positive and in support of recertification. These letters in support of the recertification consistently cited CIRCAC's broad representation of the respective community's interests, appropriate actions to keep the public informed, improvements to both spill response preparation and spill prevention, and oil spill industry monitoring efforts that combat complacency—as intended by the Act. The information provided with

the 2014 application package, follow up consultation with CIRCAC and public support through positive comments displayed ample representation of the communities and interests of Cook Inlet and promotion of environmentally safe marine transportation and oil facility operations.

#### Recertification

By letter dated August 27, 2014, the Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard certified that the CIRCAC qualifies as an alternative voluntary advisory group under 33 U.S.C. 2732(o). This recertification terminates on August 31, 2015.

Dated: 27 Aug. 2014.

**Charles L. Cashin,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard Commander,  
Seventeenth Coast Guard District, Acting.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2014-1020]

#### Guidance on Maritime Cybersecurity Standards

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is extending the comment period on the notice with request for comments titled, "Guidance on Maritime Cybersecurity Standards," published on December 18, 2014. We are extending the comment period at the request of several industry participants to ensure stakeholders have adequate time to submit complete responses.

**DATES:** Comments and related material must either be submitted to our online docket via <http://www.regulations.gov> on or before April 15, 2015, or reach the Docket Management Facility by that date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG-2014-1020 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 LT Josephine Long, Coast Guard; telephone 202-372-1109, email [Josephine.A.Long@uscg.mil](mailto:Josephine.A.Long@uscg.mil) or LCDR Joshua Rose, Coast Guard; 202-372-1106, email [Joshua.D.Rose@uscg.mil](mailto:Joshua.D.Rose@uscg.mil). If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Ms. Cheryl Collins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Public Participation and Request for Comments

We encourage you to submit comments and related materials on the questions we posed in the notice with request for comments, published on December 18, 2014 (79 FR 75574). All comments received will be posted, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you have provided.

##### A. Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (USCG-2014-1020) 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>, use "USCG-2014-1020" as your search term, and follow the instructions on that Web site for submitting comments. 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 your comments 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 and may

change this proposed rule based on your comments.

If you submit comments, do not send materials that include trade secrets, confidential, commercial, or financial information; or Sensitive Security Information to the public docket. Please submit such comments separately from other comments on the notice. Comments containing this type of information should be appropriately marked as containing such information and submitted by mail to the Coast Guard point of contact listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Upon receipt of such comments, the Coast Guard will not place the comments in the public docket and will handle them in accordance with applicable safeguards and restrictions on access. The Coast Guard will hold them in a separate file to which the public does not have access, and place a note in the public docket that the Coast Guard has received such materials from the commenter. If the Coast Guard receives a request to examine or copy this information, we will treat it as any other request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

#### B. Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, use “USCG–2014–1020” as your search term, and follow the instructions on that Web site for viewing documents in the public docket for 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.

#### C. Privacy Act

Anyone can search the electronic form of all 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 notice regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008, issue of the **Federal Register** (73 FR 3316).

## II. Background

On December 18, 2014, the Coast Guard published a notice with request for comments titled, “Guidance on

Maritime Cybersecurity Standards” (79 FR 75574). In the notice, the Coast Guard announced that it is developing policy to help vessel and facility operators identify and address cyber-related vulnerabilities that could contribute to a Transportation Security Incident.<sup>1</sup> The notice sought public input from the maritime industry and other interested parties on how to identify and mitigate potential vulnerabilities to cyber-dependent systems. Additionally, the Coast Guard hosted a public meeting on January 15, 2015 in Washington, DC, to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the development of security assessment methods that might assist vessel and facility owners and operators identify and address cybersecurity vulnerabilities. The Coast Guard intends to consider the public comments from the meeting and in response to the notice in developing relevant guidance, which may include standards, guidelines, and best practices to protect maritime critical infrastructure.

### III. Reason for the Extension

On December 18, 2014, the Coast Guard published a notice with request for comments titled, “Guidance on Maritime Cybersecurity Standards” (79 FR 75574). The comment period for the notice was set to expire on February 17, 2015. On January 15, 2015, the Coast Guard hosted a public meeting in Washington, DC on maritime cybersecurity. Several industry participants have contacted the Coast Guard personnel identified in the notice and at the public meeting to request more time to respond to the notice. Accordingly, the Coast Guard is extending the public comment period until April 15, 2015, to ensure that all stakeholders have adequate time to review and fully respond to the questions posed in the December 18, 2014 notice. We encourage all interested members of the public to send comments in response to the notice.

This notice of extension is issued under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 552(a).

Dated: February 10, 2015.

**Andrew Tucci,**

*Chief, Office of Port & Facility Compliance,  
U.S. Coast Guard.*

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<sup>1</sup> A *Transportation Security Incident* is defined in 33 CFR 101.105 to mean “a security incident resulting in a significant loss of life, environmental damage, transportation system disruption, or economic disruption in a particular area.”

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA–2007–0008]

#### National Advisory Council; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Committee management; notice of Federal advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Advisory Council (NAC) will meet in person on March 4 and 5, 2015 in New Orleans, LA. The meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The NAC will meet on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Thursday, March 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST). Please note that the meeting may close early if the NAC has completed its business.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Conference Center at the historic Jackson Barracks located at 6400 St. Claude Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70117. All visitors to the Jackson Barracks are required to register with FEMA prior to the meeting in order to be admitted to the building. Photo identification is required to access the building. Please provide your name, telephone number, email address, title, and organization by close of business on March 2, 2015, to the person listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** below.

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** below as soon as possible.

To facilitate public participation, members of the public are invited to provide written comments on the issues to be considered by the NAC (see “Agenda”). Written comments must be submitted and received by 5 p.m. CST on February 27, 2015, identified by Docket ID FEMA–2007–0008, and submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* [FEMA-RULES@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-RULES@fema.dhs.gov). Include the docket number in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* (540) 504–2331.

- *Mail:* Regulatory Affairs Division, Office of Chief Counsel, FEMA, 500 C