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The Department of Homeland Security does not discriminate in selection of Committee members on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disability and genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, or any other non-merit factor. The Department of Homeland Security strives to achieve a widely diverse candidate pool for all of its recruitment actions.

If you are interested in applying to become a member of the Committee, send your cover letter and resume to Mr. Jonathan Wendland, Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee Alternate Designated Federal Officer, via one of the transmittal methods in the **ADDRESSES** section by the deadline in the **DATES** section. All email submittals will receive an email receipt confirmation.

Dated: December 20, 2017.

**Jennifer F. Williams,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Inspections and Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2017-1001]

### Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee; Vacancies

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee. This committee acts solely in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security through the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard on matters relating to personnel in the United States merchant marine, including training, qualifications, certification, documentation, and fitness standards and other matters as assigned by the Commandant; may be given special assignments by the Secretary and may conduct studies, inquiries, workshops, and fact finding in consultation with individuals and groups in the private sector and with State or local governments; shall advise, consult with, and make recommendations reflecting its independent judgment to the Secretary; and may make available to Congress recommendations that the Committee makes to the Secretary.

**DATES:** Completed applications should reach the Coast Guard on or before February 26, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Applicants should send a cover letter expressing interest in an appointment to the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee that also identifies which membership category the applicant is applying under, along with a resume detailing the applicant's experience via one of the following methods:

- *By Email:* [davis.j.breyer@uscg.mil](mailto:davis.j.breyer@uscg.mil); Subject Line: The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee.
- *By Fax:* 202-372-8382 ATTN: Mr. Davis J. Breyer, Alternate Designated Federal Officer; or
- *By Mail:* Mr. Davis J. Breyer, Alternate Designated Federal Officer of the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Stop 7509, Washington, DC, 20593-7509.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Davis J. Breyer, Alternate Designated Federal Officer of the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Stop 7509, Washington, DC, 20593-7509, telephone 202-372-1445, fax 202-372-8382 or [davis.j.breyer@uscg.mil](mailto:davis.j.breyer@uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee is a federal advisory committee which operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, (Title 5 U.S.C. Appendix).

The Committee meets not less than twice each year. Its subcommittees and working groups may also meet

intercessionally to consider specific tasks as required.

Each Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee member serves a term of office of up to three years. Members may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms. All members serve without compensation from the Federal Government; however, upon request, they may receive travel reimbursement and per diem.

We will consider applications for the following 8 positions that will either be vacant on August 13, 2018, or are currently vacant. These positions are three year terms.

To be eligible, you must have the experience listed for the applicable membership position:

(1) Three positions for members who serve as representatives standing for the viewpoint of merchant marine deck officers. One member shall be licensed for inland or river route, with a limited or unlimited tonnage; one shall be licensed for oceans any gross tons; and one member shall be a licensed deck officer with an unlimited tonnage master's license with significant tanker experience;

(2) one position for a member who serves as a representative standing for the viewpoint of licensed merchant marine engineering officers who is licensed as a chief engineer, any horsepower;

(3) one position for a member who serves as a representative standing for the viewpoint of maritime training institutions other than state or federal academies and shall represent the viewpoint of the small vessel industry;

(4) one position for a member who will be appointed from the general public who will serve as a Special Government Employee as defined in Title 18, United States Code, section 202(a). Preference will be given to applicants who can provide relevant input regarding matters relating to personnel in the United States merchant marine, including training, qualifications, certification, documentation, and fitness standards.

(5) one position for a member who must be jointly recommended by the state academies as defined by 46 CFR 310 Subpart A, who will represent the viewpoint of the state academies in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 8108; and

(6) one position for a member who must be recommended by the federal academy as defined by 46 CFR 310 Subpart C, who will represent the viewpoint of the federal academy in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 8108.

If you are selected as a member from the general public you will be appointed and serve as a Special Government

Employee as defined in section 202(a) of Title 18, U.S.C. Applicants for appointment as a Special Government Employee are required to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450). The U.S. Coast Guard may not release the reports or the information in them to the public except under an order issued by a federal court or as otherwise provided under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a). Only the Designated U.S. Coast Guard Ethics Official or his or her designee may release a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report. Applicants can obtain this form by going to the website of the Office of Government Ethics ([www.oge.gov](http://www.oge.gov)) or by contacting the individual listed above in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Applications for a member drawn from the general public that are not accompanied by a completed OGE Form 450 will not be considered. All other members serve as representatives and stand for the viewpoints of the roles as identified above.

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If you are interested in applying to become a member of the Committee, send your cover letter and resume to Mr. Davis J. Breyer, Alternate Federal Officer of the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee via one of the transmittal methods in the **ADDRESSES** section by the deadline in the **DATES** section of this notice. All email submittals will receive email receipt confirmation.

Dated: December 20, 2017.

**Jeffrey G. Lantz,**

*Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS-2017-0037]

### Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Personnel Surety Program

**AGENCY:** National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD), Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice and request for comments; revision of information collection request: 1670-0029.

**SUMMARY:** The DHS NPPD Office of Infrastructure Protection (IP), Infrastructure Security Compliance Division (ISCD) will submit the following Information Collection Request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments during a 60-day public comment period prior to the submission of this ICR to OMB. The submission describes the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (in hours), and the estimated burden cost necessary to implement the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) Personnel Surety Program. In this notice, DHS is updating the burden estimate and expanding the collection to include Tier 3 and Tier 4 high-risk chemical facilities.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until February 26, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number DHS-2017-0037, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Please follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Email:* [cfats@dhs.gov](mailto:cfats@dhs.gov). Please include docket number DHS-2017-0037 in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail:* Written comments and questions about this Information Collection Request should be forwarded to DHS/NPPD/IP/ISCD, ATTN: 1670-0029, 245 Murray Lane SW, Mail Stop 0610, Arlington, VA 20528-0610.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the words “Department of

Homeland Security” and docket number DHS-2017-0059. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

Comments that include trade secrets, confidential commercial or financial information, Chemical-terrorism Vulnerability Information (CVI),<sup>1</sup> Sensitive Security Information (SSI),<sup>2</sup> or Protected Critical Infrastructure Information (PCII)<sup>3</sup> should not be submitted to the public regulatory docket. Please submit such comments separately from other comments in response to this notice. Comments containing trade secrets, confidential commercial or financial information, CVI, SSI, or PCII should be appropriately marked and packaged in accordance with applicable requirements and submitted by mail to the DHS/NPPD/IP/ISCD CFATS Program Manager at the Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane SW, Mail Stop 0610, Arlington, VA 20528-0610. Comments must be identified by docket number DHS-2017-0037.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Amy Graydon at (866)323-2957 or at [cfats@dhs.gov](mailto:cfats@dhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 18, 2014, the President signed into law the Protecting and Securing Chemical Facilities from Terrorist Attacks Act of 2014 (“CFATS Act of 2014”) providing long-term authorization for the CFATS program. The CFATS Act of 2014 codified the DHS authority to implement the CFATS program into the Homeland Security Act of 2002. See 6 U.S.C. 621 *et seq.*

Section 550 of the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2007, Public Law 109-295 (2006) (“Section 550”), provided (and the CFATS Act of 2014 continues to provide) the Department with the authority to identify and regulate the security of high-risk chemical facilities using a risk-based approach. On April 9, 2007, the Department issued the CFATS Interim Final Rule (IFR), implementing this statutory mandate. See 72 FR 17688.

Section 550 required (and the CFATS Act of 2014 continues to require) that the Department establish risk-based

<sup>1</sup> For more information about CVI see 6 CFR 27.400 and the CVI Procedural Manual at [www.dhs.gov/publication/safeguarding-cvi-manual](http://www.dhs.gov/publication/safeguarding-cvi-manual).

<sup>2</sup> For more information about SSI see 49 CFR part 1520 and the SSI Program web page at [www.tsa.gov/for-industry/sensitive-security-information](http://www.tsa.gov/for-industry/sensitive-security-information).

<sup>3</sup> For more information about PCII see 6 CFR part 29 and the PCII Program web page at [www.dhs.gov/pcii-program](http://www.dhs.gov/pcii-program).