DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Minority Health

AGENCY: Office of Minority Health, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is hereby giving notice that the Advisory Committee on Minority Health (ACMH) will hold a meeting conducted as a telephone conference call. This call will be open to the public. Preregistration is required for both public participation and comment. Any individual who wishes to participate in the call should email OMH-ACMH@hhs.gov by October 11, 2018. Instructions regarding participating in the call and how to provide verbal public comments will be given at the time of preregistration. Information about the meeting is available from the designated contact and will be posted on the website for the Office of Minority Health (OMH), www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov.

Information about ACMH activities can be found on the OMH website under the heading About OMH.

DATES: The conference call will be held on October 16, 2018, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: Instructions regarding participating in the call will be given at the time of preregistration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Violet Woo, Designated Federal Officer, Advisory Committee on Minority Health, Office of Minority Health, Department of Health and Human Services, Tower Building, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 600, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Phone: 240–453–8222; fax: 240–453–8223; email OMH-ACMH@hhs.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

Certificate of Alternative Compliance for the TUG JUDY MORAN Hull 123

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notification of issuance of a certificate of alternative compliance.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces that the U. S. Coast Guard First District Prevention Division has issued a certificate of alternative compliance from the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), for the TUG JUDY MORAN, Hull 123. We are issuing this notice because its publication is required by statute. Due to the construction and placement of the vessel’s side lights and stern lights, TUG JUDY MORAN cannot fully comply with the light, shape, or sound signal provisions of the 72 COLREGS without interfering with the vessel’s design and construction. This notification of issuance of a certificate of alternative compliance promotes the Coast Guard’s marine safety mission.

DATES: The Certificate of Alternative Compliance was issued on 26 July, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information or questions about this notice call or email Mr. Kevin Miller, First District Towing Vessel/Barge Safety Specialist, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone (617) 223–8272, email Kevin.L.Miller2@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States is signatory to the International Maritime Organization’s International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), as amended. The special construction or purpose of some vessels makes them unable to comply with the light, shape, or sound signal provisions of the 72 COLREGS. Under statutory law, however, specified 72 COLREGS provisions are not applicable to a vessel of special construction or purpose if the Coast Guard determines that the vessel cannot comply fully with those requirements without interfering with the special function of the vessel.1

The owner, builder, operator, or agent of a special construction or purpose vessel may apply to the Coast Guard District Office in which the vessel is being built or operated for a determination that compliance with alternative requirements is justified,2 and the Chief of the Prevention Division would then issue the applicant a certificate of alternative compliance (COAC) if he or she determines that the vessel cannot comply fully with 72 COLREGS light, shape, and sound signal provisions without interference with the vessel’s special function.3 If the Coast Guard issues a COAC, it must publish notice of this action in the Federal Register.4

1 33 U.S.C. 1605.
2 33 CFR 81.5.
3 33 CFR 81.9.
4 33 U.S.C. 1605(c) and 33 CFR 81.18.