

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Section 3(26);

7. Engage and/or collaborate with local and regional maritime high schools with maritime, maritime related, Career Technical Education (CTE) or STEM programs;

8. Engage and/or collaborate with maritime academies and other institutions or organizations for advanced proficiency and higher education;

9. Conduct other significant domestic maritime workforce development related activities.

g. All applicant institutions may provide any relevant endorsements, awards, recognition and significant accomplishments in support of their application.

#### Specific Issues for Comment

In addition to seeking general comments on the above proposed new policy, the agency is requesting public comment on the following issues:

1. Whether the proposed policy is clear, appropriate and adequate?

2. Whether CoE designation will enhance the maritime industry's ability to identify workforce resource opportunities;

3. Whether and to what extent the proposed application process is overly burdensome and how it may be simplified; and

4. Whether the proposed process raises specific legal or practical issues for the program participant or the maritime industry, the specific nature of those issues, and how such issues might be addressed by MARAD.

#### Policy Analysis and Notices

Consistent with the Administrative Procedures Act and Department of Transportation rulemaking policy, MARAD is publishing this guidance as a proposed policy in the **Federal Register** to indicate how it plans to exercise the discretionary authority provided by Section 3507 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2018, Public Law 115–91 (December 12, 2017). Nothing in this notice or in the proposed policy itself requires MARAD to exercise its discretionary authority under 46 U.S.C. 54102. This proposed policy would establish a voluntary program in which successful applicants may be designated as a Center of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education (CoE).

#### Paperwork Reduction Act

This proposed policy would establish a new requirement for the collection of information for all program participants.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will be requested to review the information collection requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Section 3501, *et seq.*).

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, this document announces MARAD's intentions to request public comments regarding the collection of information arising under this proposed policy.

Copies of this notice and information collection request may be obtained from the Office of Security, MAR–420, Suite W25–308, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

*Title of Information Collection:* Centers of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education Program.

*OMB Control Number:* Pending.

*Form Number:* None.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Three years following approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

*Summary of Collection of Information:* Entities seeking to obtain designation as a Center of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education (CoE). Entities seeking CoE designation must submit certain information described in the proposed policy and application procedures. No form is required to make a submission. However, all information described in the application procedures will be required to be submitted as described therein and is necessary for the proper review of the applicant's qualifications.

*Need for and Use of the Information:* The information collected will be used to analyze whether applicants have the qualifications to meet the programmatic requirements of Section 3507 of the National Defense Authorization Act, 2018. This policy is necessary to establish an understanding between MARAD and the applicant/training entity that certain terms must be met to hold a CoE designation. Without this information, MARAD would not be able to offer the benefit of its CoE designation program to applicants. In addition, CoE designation will facilitate the training and education of a domestic maritime workforce essential to meeting the nation's current and projected economic and national security needs.

*Description of Respondents:* As defined by statute, Community Colleges, Technical Colleges and certain Maritime Training Centers with a maritime training program in operation on December 12, 2017.

*Annual Responses:* Once the Program is implemented, the agency anticipates between 75–100 submissions each year. Designation is a one-time event identified by year. However, the agency

does anticipate the collection of information annually from the same estimated number of training entities seeking annual designation.

*Annual Burden:* 24 hours per program participant.

(Authority: The National Defense Authorization Act of 2018, Pub. L. 115–91 (December 12, 2017), 46 U.S.C. 54102)

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Dated: July 16, 2019.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA–RSPA–2004–18757]

#### Pipeline Safety: Request for Special Permit; TransCanada/Columbia Pipeline Group

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA); DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** PHMSA is publishing this notice to seek public comment on a request for special permit renewal, seeking relief from compliance with certain requirements in the federal pipeline safety regulations. At the conclusion of the 30-day comment period, PHMSA will review the comments received from this notice as part of its evaluation to grant or deny the special permit renewal request.

**DATES:** Submit any comments regarding this special permit request by August 19, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should reference the docket number for the specific special permit request and may be submitted in the following ways:

- *E-Gov website:* <http://www.Regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency.
- *Fax:* 1–202–493–2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE,

Washington, DC 20590, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Instructions:** You should identify the docket number for the special permit request you are commenting on at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, please submit two copies. To receive confirmation that PHMSA has received your comments, please include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

**Note:** There is a privacy statement published on <https://www.Regulations.gov>. Comments, including any personal information provided, are posted without changes or edits to <https://www.Regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

General: Ms. Kay McIver by telephone at 202-366-0113, or email at [kay.mciver@dot.gov](mailto:kay.mciver@dot.gov).

**Technical:** Mr. Vincent Holohan by telephone at 202-366-1933, or email at [vincent.holohan@dot.gov](mailto:vincent.holohan@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** PHMSA has received a special permit request from TransCanada (present owner and operator of the Columbia Pipeline Group (CPG) Dundee Storage Field, which was formerly owned and operated by Columbia Gas Transmission) for the extension of a previously issued special permit. On March 3, 2005, PHMSA issued a special permit to Columbia Gas Transmission for the installation, operation, and testing of approximately 4,200 feet of 4-inch diameter fiberglass reinforced polyethylene known as Fiberspar<sup>®</sup> spooled, non-metallic, composite line pipe in its CPG Dundee Storage Field, located in Schulyer County, New York. The special permit provided variance from 49 CFR 192.53(c), 192.121, 192.123, and 192.619(a). TransCanada has requested a continuation of the existing special permit variances and conditions contingent upon the continued testing of sample pipe as set forth in the original special permit. The maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of the CPG Dundee Storage Field Fiberspar pipeline remains at 825 pounds per square inch gauge. There have been no changes in the MAOP or class location, and no high consequence areas have developed on the CPG Dundee Storage Field Fiberspar pipeline.

The proposed special permit renewal and Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for TransCanada's request for the CPG Dundee Storage Field pipeline is available in Docket Number PHMSA-RSPA-2004-18757, at <https://www.Regulations.gov>.

[www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov). We invite interested persons to participate by reviewing the special permit renewal request and DEA at <https://www.Regulations.gov>, and by submitting written comments, data, or other views. Please include any comments on potential safety and environmental impacts that may result if the special permit is renewed.

Before issuing a decision on the special permit renewal request, PHMSA will evaluate all comments received on or before the comment closing date. Comments received after the closing date will be evaluated if it is possible to do so without incurring additional expense or delay. PHMSA will consider each relevant comment we receive in making our decision to grant a special permit renewal or deny a request.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 8, 2019, under authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.97.

**Alan K. Mayberry,**

*Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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## UNIFIED CARRIER REGISTRATION PLAN

### Sunshine Act Meeting Notice; Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors Meeting

**TIME AND DATE:** August 1, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Eastern daylight time.

**PLACE:** National Press Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 529 14th Street NW, Washington, DC. This meeting will also be accessible via conference call. Any interested person may call 1-866-210-1669, passcode 5253902#, to listen and participate in the open portions of the meeting.

**STATUS:** Parts of this meeting will be open to the public. Parts of this meeting will be closed to the public pursuant to Government in the Sunshine Act exemptions (c)(9)(B) and (c)(10) (see agenda below for further information).

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors (the "Board") will continue its work in developing and implementing the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement. The subject matter of the meeting will include:

#### Agenda

##### Portions Open to the Public

##### I. Welcome, Call to Order, and

*Introductions*—UCR Acting Chair  
UCR Chair will welcome attendees and call the meeting to order.

II. *Verification of Publication of Meeting Notice*—UCR Acting Chair  
UCR Chair will report the date of meeting notice publication in **Federal Register**.

III. *Review and Approval of Agenda and Setting of Ground Rules*—UCR Chair

*For Discussion and Possible Board Action*

Agenda will be reviewed and the Board will consider adoption.

##### Ground Rules

- Board action only to be taken in designated areas on agenda.
- Please MUTE your telephone.
- Do NOT place call on hold.

IV. *Approval of Minutes of the June 4, 2019 UCR Board Meeting*—UCR Acting Chair

*For Discussion and Possible Board Action*

- Minutes of the June 4, 2019 Board meeting will be reviewed and the Board will consider approval.

V. *Subcommittee Reports*—Subcommittee Chairs

Finance Subcommittee Report

A. *Proposal for Funding Unbudgeted Expense Reserve*—Subcommittee Chair

*For Discussion and Possible Board Action*

Proposal for establishing an amount to fund the unbudgeted expense reserve at a level of \$1.5 million to \$2.5 million will be reviewed and the Board will consider action.

B. *Closing 2018 Registration Year on Sept. 30*—Subcommittee Chair

*For Discussion and Possible Board Action*

Proposal to close the 2018 UCR registration year on September 30, 2019 will be reviewed and the Board will consider action.

C. *Subcommittee Reports & Updates*—Subcommittee Chair  
(No Board action to be taken)

- Update on the UCR-related audit conducted by the state of Texas in connection with its effort to obtain an increase in its UCR entitlement cap will be presented to the Board.
- Report on the status of the preparation of a fee recommendation for the 2020-21 UCR registration year will be presented to the Board.

Audit Subcommittee Report

Subcommittee Reports & Updates—Subcommittee Chair  
(No Board action to be taken)

- Update on plan for rollout of new module in National Registration System that will enable the 41 participating states to conduct