

amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel; Single Cell Opioid Responses in the Context of HIV (SCORCH) Program Expansion: CNS Data Generation for Chronic Opioid, Methamphetamine, and/or Cocaine Exposures (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed).

*Date:* October 18, 2021.

*Time:* 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 301 North Stonestreet Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Yvonne Owens Ferguson, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Office of Extramural Policy and Review, Division of Extramural Research, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH, 301 North Stonestreet Avenue, MSC 6021, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 402-7371, [yvonne.ferguson@nih.gov](mailto:yvonne.ferguson@nih.gov). (Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.277, Drug Abuse Scientist Development Award for Clinicians, Scientist Development Awards, and Research Scientist Awards; 93.278, Drug Abuse National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.279, Drug Abuse and Addiction Research Programs, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: September 2, 2021.

**Tyeshia Roberson-Curtis,**

*Program Analyst, Office Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2021-0408]

#### **Guidance: Change 3 to NVIC 24-14 Guidelines on Qualification for STCW Endorsements as Electro-Technical Rating on Vessels Powered by Main Propulsion Machinery of 750 KW/1,000 HP or More**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard announces the availability of Change 3 to Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) 24-14: Guidelines on Qualification for STCW Endorsements as Electro-Technical Rating (ETR) on Vessels Powered by Main Propulsion Machinery of 750 kW/1,000 HP or More. This NVIC provides guidance to mariners concerning STCW endorsements for ETR, including training and qualifications. This change notice revises NVIC 24-14 to indicate that the Coast Guard will allow mariners to qualify for an STCW endorsement as ETR without completing approved training for high voltage systems or computer systems and maintenance.

**DATES:** The policies announced in Change-3 to NVIC 24-14 are effective as of August 26, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** To view documents mentioned in this notice, search the docket number USCG-2021-0408 using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information about this document, contact James Cavo, Mariner Credentialing Program Policy Division (CG-MMC-2), Coast Guard; telephone 202-372-1205; email [MMCPolicy@uscg.mil](mailto:MMCPolicy@uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Coast Guard will use NVIC 24-14 and 46 CFR part 12 to establish whether mariners are qualified to hold STCW rating endorsements as Electro-Technical Rating (ETR) on Vessels Powered by Main Propulsion Machinery of 750 kW/1,000 HP or More. As specified in 46 CFR 12.611, mariners seeking this endorsement must complete an approved training for High Voltage Systems and Computer Systems and Maintenance. The standards of competence requirements for STCW endorsements as ETR are found in Table A-III/7 of the STCW Code. That STCW table does not include standards of competence relevant to high voltage systems or computer systems and maintenance.

The Coast Guard will not enforce the requirement for approved courses in Computer Systems and Maintenance or High Voltage Systems for an ETR endorsement because it places a higher training burden on U.S. mariners compared to what is required of the international maritime workforce for a similar endorsement. The time and cost for a mariner to complete these courses outweighs any benefit the course would provide because the mariner does not use this knowledge and proficiency in their ETR capacity. Therefore, we have determined this training requirement

goes beyond the skillset necessary and the level of responsibility associated with an ETR endorsement, and thus is unnecessary and overly burdensome. For these reasons, this Commandant Change Notice will allow mariners to qualify for an STCW endorsement as ETR without completing approved training for computer systems and maintenance and for high voltage power systems.

The approved High Voltage Power Systems training courses will still be required and utilized for the Electro-Technical Officer endorsement.

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

Dated: September 2, 2021.

**J.W. Mauger,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2020-0278]

#### **Port Access Route Study: Northern New York Bight**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, Homeland Security (DHS).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of draft report; reopening of the comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Coast Guard is reopening the comment period to further its outreach efforts and solicit additional comments concerning its Northern New York Bight Port Access Route Study (NNYBPARS) draft version of the study report.

**DATES:** Your comments and related material must reach the Coast Guard on or before September 30, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG-2020-0278 using the Federal portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. See the "Public Participation and Request for Comments" portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further instructions on submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions on this notice, contact Mr. Craig Lapiejko, Waterways Management at First Coast Guard District, telephone (617) 223-8351, email [craig.d.lapiejko@uscg.mil](mailto:craig.d.lapiejko@uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## I. Background and Purpose

The Ports and Waterways Safety Act (46 U.S.C. 70003(c)) requires the Coast Guard to conduct a Port Access Route Study (PARS), *i.e.*, a study of potential traffic density and the need for safe access routes for vessels. Through the study process, the Coast Guard coordinates with Federal, State, local, tribal and foreign state agencies (as appropriate) to consider the views of maritime community representatives, environmental groups, and other interested stakeholders. The primary purpose of this coordination is, to the extent practicable, to reconcile the need for safe access routes with other reasonable waterway uses such as construction and operation of renewable energy facilities and other uses of the Atlantic Ocean in the study area.

In 2019, the Coast Guard announced a new study of routes used by ships to access ports on the Atlantic Coast of the United States in the **Federal Register** (84 FR 9541; March 15, 2019). This new study supplements and builds upon the ACPARS by conducting a series of PARS to examine ports along the Atlantic Coast that are economically significant or support military or critical national defense operations and related international entry and departure transit areas that are integral to the safe and efficient and unimpeded flow of commerce to/from major international shipping lanes. The NNYBPARS is one of several studies being conducted.

On June 29, 2020, the First Coast Guard District published a notice of study and public meetings; request for comments entitled “Port Access Route Study (PARS): Northern New York Bight” in the **Federal Register** (85 FR 38907) to evaluate the adequacy of existing vessel routing measures and determine whether additional vessel routing measures are necessary for port approaches to New York and New Jersey and international and domestic transit areas in the First District area of responsibility.

The public was afforded a 60-day comment period, and two virtual public meetings were held via teleconference and webinar to receive public input. The Coast Guard received 25 comments to this document in response to our **Federal Register** Notice, public meetings and other outreach efforts. All comments and supporting documents to this document are available in a public docket and can be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

On April 12, 2021, we published a supplemental notice of study; request for comments entitled “Port Access Route Study (PARS): Northern New

York Bight” in the **Federal Register** (86 FR 18996) seeking additional information.

The public was afforded a 30-day comment period. The Coast Guard received five comments to this document in response to our **Federal Register** Notice, and other outreach efforts. All comments and supporting documents to this document are available in a public docket and can be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

During both comment periods a total of 30 comments were submitted by representatives of the maritime community, wind energy developers, non-governmental organizations, Federal and State governmental agencies, and private citizens.

Of the thirty comments, fourteen requested additional routing measures be established, twelve expressed concerns that wind farm installations will negatively affect vessel’s marine radar performance, eight requested setback/buffer zones, six requested anchorages be designated, six requested additional meetings, three requested alteration of existing routing measures, and three requested expanding Vessel Traffic Services.

A synopsis of the comments and copies of the Coast Guard’s Public outreach can be found in the draft version of the study report.

On July 15, 2021, the First Coast Guard District published a notice of availability of the draft version of the study report entitled “Port Access Route Study (PARS): Northern New York Bight” in the **Federal Register** (86 FR 37339).

The public was afforded a 45-day comment period, one virtual public meeting and three in person public meetings were held, to receive public input. The Coast Guard received 17 comments to this document in response to our **Federal Register** Notice, public meetings and other outreach efforts. All comments and supporting documents to this document are available in a public docket and can be viewed at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

The Coast Guard is opening this fourth and final NNYBPARS comment period to facilitate transparent public discussions on the information above as well as the draft version of the study.

## II. Information Requested

Do you agree or disagree with the draft report’s recommendations, proposed actions, or continued actions, and if so, why?

## III. Public Participation and Request for Comments

We encourage you to comment on the content and development of the report through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

*A. Viewing the draft version of the report:* To view the draft version of the NNYBPARS report in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and insert “USCG–2020–0278” in the “search box.” Click “Search”. Then scroll down looking of the document entitled “DRAFT REPORT Northern New York Bight PARS June 29, 2021” under the document type “Supporting & Related Material.”

*B. Submitting Comments:* To submit your comment online, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and insert “USCG–2020–0278” in the “search box.” Click “Search”. Then click “Comment.” The “Comment” button can be found on the following pages:

- Docket Details page when a document within the docket is open for comment,
- Document Details page when the document is open for comment, and
- Document Search Tab with all search results open for comment displaying a “Comment” button.

Clicking “Comment” on any of the above pages will display the comment form. You can enter your comment on the form, attach files (maximum of 20 files up to 10MB each), and choose whether to identify yourself as an individual, an organization, or anonymously. Be sure to complete all required fields depending on which identity you have chosen. Once you have completed all required fields and chosen an identity, the “Submit Comment” button is enabled. Upon completion, you will receive a Comment Tracking Number for your comment. For additional step by step instructions, please see the Frequently Asked Questions page on <http://www.regulations.gov> or by clicking <https://www.regulations.gov/faq>.

We accept anonymous comments. Comments we post to <http://www.regulations.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided. For more about privacy and submissions to the docket in response to this document, see DHS’s eRulemaking System of Records notice (85 FR 14226, March 11, 2020).

We review all comments and materials received during the comment period, but we may choose not to post off-topic, inappropriate, or duplicate comments that we receive.

*C. How do I find and browse for posted comments on Regulations.gov.*

On the previous version of *Regulations.gov*, users browse for comments on the Docket Details page. However, since comments are made on individual documents, not dockets, new *Regulations.gov* organizes comments under their corresponding document. To access comments and documents submitted to this draft version of the study report go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and insert "USCG-2020-0278" in the "search box." Click "Search". Then scroll down to and click on the "notice" entitled "Port Access Route Study: Notice of availability of draft report and public information session; request for comments." This will open to the "Document Details" page. Then click on the "Browse Comments" tab. On the comment tab, you can search and filter comments. Note: If no comments have been posted to a document, the "Comments" tab will not appear on the Document Details page.

*D. If you need additional help navigating the new Regulations.gov.* For additional step by step instructions to submit a comment or to view submitted comments or other documents please see the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) at <http://www.regulations.gov/faqs> or call or email the person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions.

*E. Privacy Act:* Anyone can search the electronic form of 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, system of records notice regarding DHS's eRulemaking in the March 11, 2020, issue of the **Federal Register** (85 FR 14226)

## VI. Future Actions

Any comments received will be reviewed and considered before a final version of the NNYBPARS is announced in the **Federal Register**.

This notice is published under the authority of 46 U.S.C. 70004 and 5 U.S.C. 552(a).

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**T.G. Allan Jr.,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, First Coast Guard District.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-6283-N-01]

### Statutorily Mandated Designation of Difficult Development Areas and Qualified Census Tracts for 2022

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document designates "Difficult Development Areas" (DDAs) and "Qualified Census Tracts" (QCTs) for purposes of the Low-Income Housing Credit (LIHTC) under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 42. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) makes new DDA and QCT designations annually.

**ADDRESSES:** This notice and additional information about DDAs and QCTs including the lists of DDAs and QCTs are available electronically on the internet at <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/qct.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions on how areas are designated and on geographic definitions, contact Michael K. Hollar, Senior Economist, Public Finance and Regulatory Analysis Division, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Room 8216, Washington, DC 20410-6000; telephone number 202-402-5878, or send an email to [Michael.K.Hollar@hud.gov](mailto:Michael.K.Hollar@hud.gov). For specific legal questions pertaining to Section 42, Office of the Associate Chief Counsel, Passthroughs and Special Industries, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224; telephone number 202-317-4137. For questions about the "HUBZone" program, contact Bruce Purdy, Deputy Director, HUBZone Program, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW, Suite 8800, Washington, DC 20416; telephone number 202-205-7554, or send an email to [hubzone@sba.gov](mailto:hubzone@sba.gov). (These are not toll-free telephone numbers.) Additional copies of this notice are available through HUD User at, toll-free, 800-245-2691 for a small fee to cover duplication and mailing costs. A toll-free text telephone is available for the telephone numbers above for persons with hearing or speech impairments at 800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## I. This Notice

Under IRC Section 42(d)(5)(B)(iii)(I), for purposes of the LIHTC, the Secretary of HUD must designate DDAs, which are areas with high construction, land, and utility costs relative to area median gross income (AMGI). This notice designates DDAs for each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. HUD makes the designations of DDAs in this notice based on modified Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Small Area Fair Market Rents (Small Area FMRs, SAFMRs), FY 2021 nonmetropolitan county FMRs, FY 2021 income limits, and 2010 Census population counts, as explained below.

Similarly, under IRC Section 42(d)(5)(B)(ii)(I), the Secretary of HUD must designate QCTs, which are areas where either 50 percent or more of the households have an income less than 60 percent of the AMGI for such year or have a poverty rate of at least 25 percent. This notice designates QCTs based on new income and poverty data released in the American Community Survey (ACS). Specifically, HUD relies on the most recent three sets of ACS data to ensure that anomalous estimates, due to sampling, do not affect the QCT status of tracts.

## II. Data Used To Designate DDAs

HUD uses data from the 2010 Census on total population of metropolitan areas, metropolitan ZIP Code Tabulation Areas (ZCTAs), and nonmetropolitan areas in the designation of DDAs. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) published updated metropolitan areas in OMB Bulletin No. 17-01 on August 15, 2017. FY 2021 FMRs and FY 2021 income limits HUD uses to designate DDAs are based on these metropolitan statistical area (MSA) definitions, with modifications to account for substantial differences in rental housing markets (and, in some cases, median income levels) within MSAs. HUD calculates Small Area FMRs for the ZCTAs, or portions of ZCTAs within the metropolitan areas defined by OMB Bulletin No. 17-01.

## III. Data HUD Uses To Designate QCTs

HUD uses data from the 2010 Census on total population of census tracts, metropolitan areas, and the nonmetropolitan parts of states in the designation of QCTs. The FY 2021 income limits HUD uses to designate QCTs are based on these MSA definitions with modifications to account for substantial differences in rental housing markets (and in some