

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Clinical Center; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the Board of Governors of the Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center, September 19, 2003, 9 a.m. to September 19, 2003, 12 p.m., National Institutes of Health, Building 10, 10 Center Drive, Medical Board Room 2C116, Bethesda, MD 20892 which was published in the **Federal Register** on September 11, 2003, FR68, 176-53614.

The meeting will be held October 10, 2003 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: October 8, 2003.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2003-16279]

National Boating Safety Advisory Council

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC) and its subcommittees on boats and associated equipment, aftermarket marine equipment, and prevention through people will meet to discuss various issues relating to recreational boating safety. All meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: NBSAC will meet on Saturday, November 1, 2003, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., on Monday, November 3, 2003, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, November 4, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The Prevention Through People Subcommittee will meet on Sunday, November 2, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The Boats and Associated Equipment Subcommittee will meet on Sunday, November 2, 2003, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Aftermarket Marine Equipment Subcommittee will meet on Monday, November 1, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. These meetings may close early if all business is finished. On Sunday, November 2, a Subcommittee meeting may start earlier if the

preceding Subcommittee meeting has closed early. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before Tuesday, October 28, 2003. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittees should reach the Coast Guard on or before Friday, October 24, 2003.

ADDRESSES: NBSAC will meet at the Hyatt Regency Chicago on The River Walk, 151 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60601. The subcommittee meetings will be held at the same address. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Mr. Jeff Hoedt, Executive Director of NBSAC, Commandant (G-OPB-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> or at the Web Site for the Office of Boating Safety at URL address <http://www.uscgboating.org>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Hoedt, Executive Director of NBSAC, telephone 202-267-0950, fax 202-267-4285. You may obtain a copy of this notice by calling the U. S. Coast Guard Infoline at 1-800-368-5647.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Tentative Agendas of Meetings

National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC). The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Remarks—Rear Admiral Jeffrey J. Hathaway, Director of Operations Policy and Council Sponsor.
- (2) Chief, Office of Boating Safety Update on NBSAC Resolutions.
- (3) Executive Director's report.
- (4) Chairman's session.
- (5) Recreational Boating Safety Program report.
- (6) Coast Guard Auxiliary report.
- (7) National Association of State Boating Law Administrators Report.
- (8) Wallop Breaux reauthorization update.
- (9) Prevention Through People Subcommittee report.
- (10) Boats and Associated Equipment Subcommittee report.
- (11) Aftermarket Marine Equipment Subcommittee report.

Boats and Associated Equipment Subcommittee. The agenda includes the following: Discuss current regulatory projects, grants, contracts and new issues impacting boats and associated equipment.

Aftermarket Marine Equipment Subcommittee. The agenda includes the

following: Discuss current regulatory projects, grants, contracts and new issues impacting aftermarket marine equipment.

Prevention Through People Subcommittee. The agenda includes the following: Discuss current regulatory projects, grants, contracts and new issues impacting prevention through people.

Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may close early if all business is finished. At the Chairs' discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify the Executive Director no later than Friday, October 24, 2003. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than Friday, October 24, 2003. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of a meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than Friday, October 24, 2003.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: October 6, 2003.

Jeffrey J. Hathaway,

Rear Admiral, Coast Guard, Director of Operations Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2003-16297]

National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP)

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comments on PREP triennial exercise schedule for 2004, 2005, and 2006.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard, the Research and Special Programs Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Minerals Management Service, in concert with representatives from various State governments, industry, environmental interest groups, and the general public,

developed the Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP) Guidelines to reflect the consensus agreement of the entire oil spill response community. This notice announces the PREP triennial cycle, 2004 through 2006, requests comments from the public, and requests industry participants to volunteer for scheduled PREP Area exercises.

DATES: Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before December 15, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number USCG–2003–16297 to the Docket Management Facility at the U.S. Department of Transportation. To avoid duplication, please use only one of the following methods:

- (1) *Web Site:* <http://dms.dot.gov>.
- (2) *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001.
- (3) *Fax:* 202–493–2251.
- (4) *Delivery:* Room PL–401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202–366–9329.
- (5) *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, or need general information regarding the PREP Program and the schedule, contact Mr. Robert Pond, Office of Response, Plans and Preparedness Division (G–MOR–2), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, telephone 202–267–6603, fax 202–267–4065 or e-mail rpond@comdt.uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Ms. Andrea M. Jenkins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–0271.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP) Area exercise schedule and exercise design manuals are available on the Internet at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/nswfweb/nsfcc/prep/index.html>. To obtain a hard copy of the exercise design manual, contact Ms. Melanie Barber at the Research and Special Programs Administration, Office of Pipeline Safety, at 202–366–4560.

The 2003 PREP Guidelines booklet is available at no cost on the Internet at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/nswfweb/nsfcc/prep/index.html> or by writing or faxing the TASC DEPT Warehouse, 33141Q 75th Avenue, Landover, MD 20785, facsimile: 301–386–5394. The stock number of the manual is USCG–X0241. Please indicate the quantity when ordering. Quantities are limited to 10 per order.

Public Participation and Request for Comments

We encourage you to respond to this notice by submitting comments and related materials. All comments received will be posted, without change, to <http://dms.dot.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided. We have an agreement with the Department of Transportation (DOT) to use the Docket Management Facility. Please see DOT’s “Privacy Act” three paragraphs below.

Submitting comments: If you submit a comment, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this notice (USCG–2003–16297), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. You may submit your comments and material by electronic means, mail, fax, or delivery to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**; but please submit your comments and material by only one means. If you submit them by mail or delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them 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. We may change this triennial exercise schedule in view of them.

Viewing comments and documents: To view comments, as well as documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time and conduct a simple search using the docket number. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in room PL–401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW.,

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

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 the Department of Transportation’s Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Background and Purpose

In 1994, the Coast Guard (USCG) and the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) of the Department of Transportation, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), and the Minerals Management Service (MMS) of the Department of Interior, coordinated the development of the National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP) Guidelines to provide guidelines for compliance with the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) pollution response exercise requirements (33 U.S.C. 1321(j)). The guiding principles for PREP distinguish between internal and external exercises. Internal exercises are conducted within the plan holder’s organization. External exercises extend beyond the plan holder’s organization to involve other members of the response community. External exercises are separated into two categories: (1) Area exercises, and (2) Government-initiated unannounced exercises. These exercises are designed to evaluate the entire response mechanism in a given area to ensure adequate pollution response preparedness.

Since 1994, the USCG, U.S. EPA, MMS, and RSPA’s Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) have published a triennial schedule of Area exercises. In short, the Area exercises involve the entire response community (Federal, State, local, and industry participants) and therefore, require more extensive planning than other oil spill response exercises. The PREP Guidelines describe all of these exercises in more detail.

Table 1 below lists the dates and **Federal Register** cites of past PREP exercise notices.

TABLE 1—PAST PREP EXERCISE NOTICES

Date published	Federal Register Cite	Notice
October 30, 2002	67 FR 66189	PREP triennial exercise schedule for 2003, 2004, and 2005.
January 22, 2002	67 FR 2944	PREP triennial exercise schedule for 2002, 2003, and 2004.

TABLE 1—PAST PREP EXERCISE NOTICES—Continued

Date published	Federal Register Cite	Notice
February 9, 2001	66 FR 9744	PREP triennial exercise schedule for 2001, 2002, and 2003.
March 7, 2000	65 FR 12049	PREP triennial exercise schedule for 2000, 2001, and 2002.
June 15, 1999	64 FR 32090	PREP triennial exercise schedule for 1999, 2000, and 2001.
January 8, 1998	63 FR 1141	PREP triennial exercise schedule for 1998, 1999, and 2000.
March 26, 1997	62 FR 14494	PREP triennial exercise schedule for 1997, 1998, and 1999.
January 26, 1996	61 FR 2568	Correction to PREP triennial exercise schedule for 1996, 1997, and 1998.
November 13, 1995	60 FR 57050	PREP triennial exercise schedule for 1996, 1997, and 1998.
October 26, 1994	59 FR 53858	Revision to PREP triennial exercise schedule for 1995, 1996, and 1997.
March 25, 1994	59 FR 14254	PREP triennial exercise schedule for 1995, 1996, and 1997.

This notice announces the next triennial schedule of Area exercises. If a company wants to volunteer for an Area exercise, a company representative

may call either the Coast Guard or EPA On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) where the exercise is scheduled.

Table 2 below is the PREP schedule for calendar years 2004, 2005, and 2006.

TABLE 2.—PREP SCHEDULE

Area	Agency	Qtr ¹	Participant
Government-Led Area Exercises			
Calendar Year 2004			
Guam (Marine Safety Office (MSO) Guam)	CG	1	
Los Angeles/Long Beach South (MSO LA/LB), SONS ²	CG	2	
San Diego (MSO San Diego), SONS ²	CG	2	
Prince William Sound (MSO Valdez)	CG	4	
Calendar Year 2005			
Houston-Galveston (MSO Houston)	CG	1	
Virginia Coastal (MSO Hampton Road)	CG	1	
Alabama-Mississippi (MSO Mobile)	CG	2	
Providence (MSO Providence)	CG	3	
Western Alaska (MSO Anchorage)	CG	3	
Region V Regional Contingency Plan (RCP) (EPA Region V)	EPA	4	
Calendar Year 2006			
Cleveland, OH (MSO Cleveland)	CG	1	
Jacksonville, FL (MSO Jacksonville)	CG	2	
To Be Determined	CG	2	
Northwest Area-Portland (MSO Portland)	CG	3	
Region IX RCP or Oceania (EPA Region IX)	EPA	3	
New Orleans, LA (MSO New Orleans)	CG	4	
Area		Qtr ¹	Participant
Industry-Led Area Exercises			
Calendar Year 2004			
Chicago, IL (MSO Chicago)		2	
Long Island Sound (MSO Long Island)		2	
Maryland Coastal (MSO Baltimore)		2	
San Francisco Bay (MSO San Francisco)		2	
South Texas Coast (MSO Corpus Christi)		2	
Charleston, SC (MSO Charleston)		3	
Morgan City, LA (MSO Morgan City)		3	
New York, NY (Activities NY)		3	
Savannah, GA (MSO Savannah)		3	
Duluth-Superior (MSO Duluth)		4	
Eastern Wisconsin (MSO Milwaukee)		4	
Northwest-Puget Sound (MSO Puget Sound)		4	
Region IV RCP (EPA Region IV)		4	
Region VII RCP (EPA Region VII)		4	
Calendar Year 2005			
Detroit, MI (MSO Detroit)		1	

Area	Qtr ¹	Participant
Region VIII (EPA Region VIII)	1	
Boston (MSO Boston)	2	
Hawaiian Islands (MSO Honolulu)	2	
South Florida (MSO Miami)	2	
South Los Angeles/Long Beach, CA (MSO LA/LB)	2	
S. North Carolina (MSO Wilmington)	3	
SW La./SE Texas (MSO Port Arthur)	3	
Tampa, FL (MSO Tampa)	3	
Region X or EPA Alaska RCP (EPA Region X)	4	
Sault Ste. Marie, MI (MSO Sault Ste. Marie)	4	

Calendar Year 2006

Florida Panhandle (MSO Mobile)	1	
SE Alaska (MSO Juneau)	1	
Buffalo (MSO Buffalo)	2	
Maine-New Hampshire (MSO Portland, ME)	2	
Philadelphia, PA (MSO Philadelphia)	2	
Region II RCP or Caribbean (EPA Region II)	2	
North Coast (CA) Area (MSO San Francisco)	3	
Region III RCP (EPA Region III)	3	
Region VI RCP (EPA Region VI)	3	
Caribbean Area (MSO San Juan)	4	
Northern Marianas (MSO Guam)	4	
Western Lake Erie (MSO Toledo)	4	

¹ Quarters: 1 (January-March); 2 (April-June); 3 (July-September); 4 (October-December).

² SONS: 2004 Spill of National Significance Exercise.

Dated: October 9, 2003.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Customs and Border Protection

Quarterly IRS Interest Rates Used in Calculating Interest on Overdue Accounts and Refunds on Customs Duties

AGENCY: Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public of the quarterly Internal Revenue Service interest rates used to calculate interest on overdue accounts (underpayments) and refunds (overpayments) of Customs duties. For the calendar quarter beginning October 1, 2003, the interest rates for overpayments will be 3 percent for corporations and 4 percent for non-corporations, and the interest rate for underpayments will be 4 percent. This

notice is published for the convenience of the importing public and Customs personnel.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ronald Wyman, Accounting Services Division, Accounts Receivable Group, 6026 Lakeside Boulevard, Indianapolis, Indiana 46278; telephone 317/298-1200, extension 1349.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1505 and Treasury Decision 85-93, published in the **Federal Register** on May 29, 1985 (50 FR 21832), the interest rate paid on applicable overpayments or underpayments of Customs duties must be in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code rate established under 26 U.S.C. 6621 and 6622. Section 6621 was amended (at paragraph (a)(1)(B) by the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-206, 112 Stat. 685) to provide different interest rates applicable to overpayments: one for corporations and one for non-corporations.

The interest rates are based on the Federal short-term rate and determined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on behalf of the Secretary of the Treasury

on a quarterly basis. The rates effective for a quarter are determined during the first-month period of the previous quarter.

In Revenue Ruling 2003-104 (*see*, 2003-39 IRB __, dated September 29, 2003), the IRS determined the rates of interest for the calendar quarter beginning October 1, 2003, and ending December 31, 2003. The interest rate paid to the Treasury for underpayments will be the Federal short-term rate (1%) plus three percentage points (3%) for a total of four percent (4%). For corporate overpayments, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (1%) plus two percentage points (2%) for a total of three percent (3%). For overpayments made by non-corporations, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (1%) plus three percentage points (3%) for a total of four percent (4%). These interest rates are subject to change for the calendar quarter beginning January 1, 2004, and ending March 31, 2004.

For the convenience of the importing public and Customs personnel the following list of IRS interest rates used, covering the period from before July of 1974 to date, to calculate interest on overdue accounts and refunds of Customs duties, is published in summary format.

Beginning date	Ending date	Underpayments (percent)	Overpayments (percent)	Corporate overpayments (Eff. 1-1-99) (percent)
070174	063075	6	6