

it is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866 and is not likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy. The Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has not designated it as a significant energy action. Therefore, it does not require a Statement of Energy Effects under Executive Order 13211.

Technical Standards

The National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (NTTAA) (15 U.S.C. 272 note) directs agencies to use voluntary consensus standards in their regulatory activities unless the agency provides Congress, through the Office of Management and Budget, with an explanation of why using these standards would be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical. Voluntary consensus standards are technical standards (e.g., specifications of materials, performance, design, or operation; test methods; sampling procedures; and related management systems practices) that are developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies.

This proposed rule does not use technical standards. Therefore, we did not consider the use of voluntary consensus standards.

Environment

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 023-01, and Commandant Instruction M16475.ID which guides the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321-4370f), and have made a preliminary determination that this action is one of a category of actions which do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment because it simply promulgates the operating regulations or procedures for drawbridges. We seek any comments or information that may lead to the discovery of a significant environmental impact from this proposed rule.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117

Bridges.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR part 117 as follows:

PART 117—DRAWBRIDGE OPERATION REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation for part 117 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 499; 33 CFR 1.05-1; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

2. Revise § 117.551 to read as follows:

§ 117.551 Chester River.

The draw of the S213 Bridge, mile 26.8, at Chestertown MD shall open on signal if at least six hours notice is given.

Dated: September 3, 2009.

Wayne E. Justice,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Parts 151, 155, and 160

[USCG-2008-1070]

RIN 1625-AB27

Nontank Vessel Response Plans and Other Vessel Response Plan Requirements

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces three public meetings to receive comments on a notice of proposed rulemaking that would require owners or operators of nontank vessels to prepare and submit oil spill response plans. The meetings will be held to allow for greater public involvement.

DATES: The public meetings will be held at the following locations:

- Washington, DC, October 28, 2009, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Oakland, CA, November 3, 2009, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- New Orleans, LA, November 19, 2009, from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Written comments and related material may also be submitted to Coast Guard personnel specified at that meeting. The comment period for the proposed rule closes November 30, 2009. All comments and related material submitted after the meeting must either be submitted to our online docket via <http://www.regulations.gov> on or before November 30, 2009, or reach the Docket Management Facility by that date.

ADDRESSES: The public meetings will be held at the following locations:

- Washington, DC—United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, Room 4202, 2100 Second St, SW., Washington, DC 20593.

- Oakland, CA—Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building, Auditorium, 3rd Floor North Tower, 1301 Clay Street, Oakland, CA 94612.

- New Orleans, LA—Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, Room 208, Exhibit Hall A, 900 Convention Center Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70130.

You may submit written comments identified by docket number USCG-2008-1070 before or after the meeting using any one of the following methods:

(1) *Federal eRulemaking Portal:*

<http://www.regulations.gov>.

(2) *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

(3) *Mail:* Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(4) *Hand delivery:* Same as mail address above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. Our online docket for this rulemaking is available on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> under docket number USCG-2008-1070.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this proposed rulemaking, contact Lieutenant Jarrod DeWitz, U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Vessel Activities, Vessel Response Plan Review Team, telephone (202) 372-1219. You may also e-mail questions to Jarrod.M.DeWitz@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Ms. Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Purpose

We published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in the **Federal Register** on August 31, 2009 (74 FR 44970), entitled "Nontank Vessel Response Plans and Other Vessel Response Plan Requirements." In it, we stated our intention to hold one or more public meetings, and to publish a notice to announce the location and date of the public meetings. In this notice, we announce those public meetings to receive comments on this proposed rule.

In the NPRM, we proposed requiring owners or operators of nontank vessels to prepare and submit oil spill response plans. The Federal Water Pollution Control Act defines nontank vessels as self-propelled vessels of 400 gross tons or greater that operate on the navigable waters of the United States, carry oil of any kind as fuel for main propulsion,

and are not tank vessels. The proposed rule would specify the content of a response plan, and among other issues, address the requirement to plan for responding to a worst case discharge and a substantial threat of such a discharge. Additionally, the proposed rule would update the international Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (SOPEP) requirements that apply to nontank vessels and certain tank vessels. Finally, the proposed rule would require vessel owners and operators to submit their vessel response plan control number as part of already required notice of arrival information.

You may view the NPRM in our online docket, in addition to supporting documents prepared by the Coast Guard (Regulatory Analysis & Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis), and comments submitted thus far by going to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Once there, select the Advanced Docket Search option on the right side of the screen, insert USCG-2008-1070 in the Docket ID box, press Enter, and then click on the item in the Docket ID column. If you do not have access to the Internet, you may view the docket by visiting the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. We have an agreement with the Department of Transportation to use the Docket Management Facility.

We encourage you to participate in this rulemaking by submitting comments either orally at a meeting or in writing. If you bring written comments to a meeting, you may submit them to Coast Guard personnel specified at the meeting to receive written comments. These comments will be submitted to our online public docket. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided.

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 notice regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008 issue of the **Federal Register** (73 FR 3316).

Information on Service for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the public meeting, contact Lieutenant Jarrod DeWitz at the telephone number indicated under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

Public Meeting

The Coast Guard will hold three public meetings regarding this proposed rulemaking on the following dates and at the following locations:

- Washington, DC, October 15, 2009, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, Room 4202, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593. **Note:** A government-issued photo identification (for example, a driver's license) will be required for entrance to the building.
- Oakland, CA, November 3, 2009, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building, Auditorium, 3rd Floor North Tower, 1301 Clay Street, Oakland, CA 94612. **Note:** A government-issued photo identification (for example, a driver's license) will be required for entrance to the building.
- New Orleans, LA, November 19, 2009, from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, Room 208, Exhibit Hall A, 900 Convention Center Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70130.

Members of the public may attend these meetings up to the seating capacity of the rooms. The meetings may conclude before the allotted time if all matters of concern have been addressed.

We plan to record each meeting using an audio-digital recorder and to make that audio recording available through a link in our online docket. A written summary of comments made and a list of attendees will be placed in the docket after each meeting concludes.

Dated: September 21, 2009.

J.G. Lantz,

Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards, U.S. Coast Guard.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

36 CFR Part 1254

[FDMS Docket NARA-09-0004]

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Researcher Identification Card

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule will require researchers using original records, NARA microfilm, and public use computers at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC, to obtain a researcher identification card. Researchers at regional archives are also required to obtain a researcher identification card when there is no separate research room for the use of microfilm and public access computers. The proposed rule also updates our regulations to reflect changes in available technology and research room practices, such as abolishing the three-hour time limit for using microfilm readers. This proposed rule will affect the public.

DATES: Comments are due by November 24, 2009.

ADDRESSES: NARA invites interested persons to submit comments on this proposed rule. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* Submit comments by facsimile transmission to 301-837-0319.
- *Mail:* Send comments to Regulations Comments Desk (NPOL), Room 4100, Policy and Planning Staff, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Deliver comments to 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marilyn Redman at 301-837-1850; or, fax number 301-837-0319.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed rule modifies our regulations relating to the public use of Federal records and donated historical materials. In particular, we are modifying the regulation addressing the issuance of researcher identification cards to enhance security in the National Archives Building in Washington, DC, and some other NARA facilities. For many years, we have not required researchers who use only