

reauthorized and amended by the National Invasive Species Act of 1996, authorizes the Coast Guard to develop regulations to prevent the introduction of nonindigenous species (NIS) via ballast water discharges. The Coast Guard recently promulgated regulations in the **Federal Register** on June 14, 2004, entitled, "Penalties for Non-submission of Ballast Water Management Reports" (68 FR 32864) and on July 28, 2004, entitled "Mandatory Ballast Water Management for U.S. Waters" (69 FR 44952). In doing so, the Great Lakes Ballast Water Management Program that became effective on May 10, 1993 (58 FR 18330), has remained unchanged, with the exception that all vessels equipped with ballast water tanks that enter the Great Lakes must now submit their ballast water reporting forms as of August 13, 2004 (68 FR 32864).

Description of Issue

Only vessels carrying pumpable ballast water that enter the Great Lakes after operating outside the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone are required to comply with the Great Lakes ballast water management requirements found in 33 CFR part 151, subpart C. As a large number of vessels that call on the Great Lakes arrive with No Ballast on Board (NOBOB), they are not required to comply with these requirements. However, NOBOBs have the potential to carry NIS in their empty tanks via residual ballast water and/or accumulated sediments. Once NOBOBs enter the Great Lakes and take up ballast water, this water may mix with the residual water and sediments and if discharged into the Great Lakes, may provide a mechanism for NIS to enter the Great Lakes. Therefore, the Coast Guard is seeking the public's assistance in developing management strategies to address the invasion risks posed by NOBOBs.

The Coast Guard will use information gathered from this notice to develop a comprehensive program to reduce the threat of introducing NIS into the Great Lakes via NOBOBs. The identification of strategies to address invasion risks from residual ballast water and sediments must take into account vessel safety and stability, the full range of vessel types entering the Great Lakes, costs associated with implementing strategy options, and the need to evaluate the effectiveness of these strategies in actually preventing the introduction of NIS into the Great Lakes. The development of management strategies to prevent NIS introduction from NOBOBs presents a complex challenge and requires close collaboration

between government agencies, the scientific community, the shipping industry, and a wide range of stakeholders.

Dated: January 3, 2005.

Joseph J. Angelo,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

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Notice, Request for Comments; Letter of Recommendation, LNG Crown Landing LLC, Logan Township, Gloucester County, NJ—New Meeting Location

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; request for comments; new meeting location.

SUMMARY: The location of the public meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 2005, announced in a notice we published in the **Federal Register** on December 3, 2004 (69 FR 70271), has been changed. The new meeting location is: The Sheraton Suites Philadelphia Airport, 4101 B Island Ave, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, approximately 1.5 miles from the original site. Information concerning this change along with directions will be provided at the original meeting location, and the meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m. and conclude at 7:30 p.m., to allow attendees who have not received this notice time to travel to the new location.

DATES: The public meeting will be held January 11, 2005, from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Sheraton Suites Philadelphia Airport, 4101 B Island Ave, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, contact Lieutenant Commander Timothy Meyers at Coast Guard Marine Safety Office/Group Philadelphia, PA, by one of the methods listed below:

(1) Phone at (215) 271-4860.

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Dated: January 5, 2005.

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Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Philadelphia.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: 30-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Request to Enforce Affidavit of Financial Support and Intent to Petition for Custody for Public Law 97-359 Amerasian, Form I-363.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on September 29, 2004 at 69 FR 58177, allowed for a 60-day public comment period. The USCIS did not receive any comments on this information collection during that period.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until February 7, 2005. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated,

electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Request to Enforce Affidavit of Financial Support and Intent to Petition for Custody for Public Law 97-359 Amerasian.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Form I-363. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration and Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or Households. This form is used by the USCIS to determine whether an Affidavit of Financial Support and Intent to Petition for Legal Custody require enforcement.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 50 responses at 30 minutes (0.5 hours) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 25 annual burden hours.

If you have comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the information collection instrument, please contact Richard A. Sloan, Director, Regulatory Management Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20529; (202) 272-8377.

Dated: January 3, 2005.

Stephen R. Tarragon,

Acting Director, Regulatory Management Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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Extension of the Designation of Temporary Protected Status for El Salvador; Automatic Extension of Employment Authorization Documentation for El Salvador TPS Beneficiaries

AGENCY: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Temporary Protected Status designation for El Salvador will expire on March 9, 2005. This notice extends the designation of El Salvador for 18 months, until September 9, 2006, and sets forth procedures necessary for nationals of El Salvador (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in El Salvador) with TPS to re-register and to apply for an extension of their employment authorization documents (EADs) for the additional 18-month period. Re-registration is limited to persons who registered under the initial designation announced on March 9, 2001 or who filed their first application for TPS under the late initial registration provisions at 8 CFR 244.2(f)(2) and also timely re-registered under each subsequent extension of the designation. Eligible aliens also must have maintained continuous physical presence in the United States since March 9, 2001, and continuous residence in the United States since February 13, 2001. Certain nationals of El Salvador (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in El Salvador) who have not previously applied for temporary protected status may be eligible to apply under the late initial registration provisions.

Given the large number of Salvadorans affected by this notice, the Department of Homeland Security recognizes that many re-registrants may not receive their new employment authorization documents until after their current documents expire on March 9, 2005. Accordingly, this notice automatically extends the validity of employment authorization documents issued under the temporary protected status designation of El Salvador for 6 months, until September 9, 2005, and explains how temporary protected status beneficiaries and their employers may determine which employment

authorization documents are automatically extended.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The extension of temporary protected status for El Salvador is effective March 9, 2005, and will remain in effect until September 9, 2006. The 60-day re-registration period begins January 7, 2005, and will remain in effect until March 8, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Colleen Cook, Residence and Status Services, Office of Programs and Regulations Development, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20529, telephone (202) 514-4754.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Abbreviations and Terms Used in This Document.

Act—Immigration and Nationality Act
DHS—Department of Homeland Security
DOS—Department of State
EAD—employment authorization document
INS—Immigration and Naturalization Service
RIC—Resource Information Center
TPS—temporary protected status
USCIS—U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

What Authority Does the Secretary of DHS Have To Extend the Designation of TPS for El Salvador?

On March 1, 2003, the functions of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) transferred from the Department of Justice (DOJ) to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) pursuant to the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Public Law 107-296. The responsibilities for administering temporary protected status (TPS) held by the former INS were transferred to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

Under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act), 8 U.S.C. 1254a, the Secretary of DHS, after consultation with appropriate agencies of the Government, is authorized to designate a foreign state (or part thereof) for TPS. 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(1). The Secretary of DHS may then grant TPS to eligible nationals of that foreign state (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in that state). 8 U.S.C. 1254a(a)(1).

At least 60 days before the expiration of the TPS designation or any extension thereof, section 244(b)(3)(A) of the Act requires the Secretary of DHS to review, after consultation with appropriate agencies of the Government, the