

Miami, Florida 33131-3050.

Commander (obr) maintains the public docket and comments and material received from the public will become part of docket [CGD07-05-115] and will be available for inspection or copying at the above address between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Barry Dragon, Seventh Coast Guard District, Bridge Branch, telephone number 305-415-6743.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Coast Guard has received numerous comments from the public stating the Shakett Creek Pedestrian Bridge is unreasonably obstructive to navigation. The Coast Guard is conducting a detailed investigation in light of these comments. A public hearing is a required part of the detailed investigation process. All interested parties will have an opportunity to be heard and to present evidence as to whether any alteration of this bridge is needed and, if so, what alterations are needed, giving due consideration to the necessities of free and unobstructed water navigation.

Written statements and exhibits may be submitted in place of or in addition to oral statements and will be made part of the hearing record. Such written statements and exhibits may be delivered at the hearing or mailed to Chief, Bridge Operations Section, Seventh District Bridge Branch 909 SE 1st Avenue, Room 432, Miami, Florida 33131-3050.

Dated: August 30, 2005.

**W.E. Justice,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District, Acting.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[USCG-2005-22418]

#### Towing Safety Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of teleconference meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Licensing Implementation Working Group of the Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) will meet to discuss matters relating to specific issues of towing safety. The meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The Licensing Implementation Working Group will meet via teleconference on Friday, September 16, 2005 from 10:30 a.m. to approximately 12 noon EDT. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the TSAC working group Chairperson on or before September 14, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** The Working Group will meet via conference call only. Contact Ms. Jennifer Carpenter, working group Chairperson, or her assistant, Ms. Amy Hewett at 703-841-9300 for the conference call telephone number and access code. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Ms. Jennifer Carpenter; American Waterways Operators; 801 North Quincy Street, Suite 200; Arlington, VA 22209 or [jcarpenter@vesselalliance.com](mailto:jcarpenter@vesselalliance.com). This notice and related documents are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> under the docket number USCG-2005-22418.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general TSAC information you may also contact Mr. Gerald Miente, Assistant Executive Director of TSAC, telephone 202-267-0214, fax 202-267-4570, or e-mail [gmiente@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:gmiente@comdt.uscg.mil). If you plan to participate in this meeting, please notify both Mr. Miente and either Ms. Carpenter or Ms. Hewett by September 14, 2005.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, as amended).

#### Agenda of Working Group Meeting

The agenda for the Licensing Working Group tentatively includes the following items:

- (1) Time frame flexibility—
  - Credit apprentice mate/steersman time at higher rate if individual is carried as an extra person;
  - Model course;
- (2) Combine inland and Western Rivers routes;
- (3) Ability to upgrade from tonnage-limited Master of Towing Vessels to Master of Towing Vessels without tonnage limitation;
- (4) Require towing endorsement for Master of Steam or Motor Vessels of Not More Than 500 Gross Tons. (Current regs allow Master 500 to operate towing vessels if he/she has either a towing endorsement or a completed Towing Officer's Assessment Record (TOAR);
- (5) Clarify how Master of Towing Vessels can obtain a Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) certificate if needed;

(6) Reconcile apparent discrepancies between licensing regulations and Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) 4-01, *Licensing and Manning for Officers of Towing Vessels*, regarding TOAR format;

(7) Clarify TOAR requirements for harbor tug operators. Can certain items be marked "Not Applicable" (N/A)?;

(8) Reconsider elements that may prolong time needed to complete a TOAR (e.g., operate in high water, high wind);

(9) Work with the Coast Guard to develop a communications plan aimed at mariners; and

(10) Proposed changes to NVIC 4-01. A letter proposing changes is available in the docket; the NVIC can be found on-line at: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nvic/index00.htm#2001>.

#### Procedural

The meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. If you would like to make an oral presentation at the meeting, please notify the working group Chairperson (as provided above in **ADDRESSES**) no later than September 14, 2005. Written material for distribution at the meeting should reach the Chairperson no later than September 14, 2005.

#### Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Ms. Carpenter or Ms. Hewett at the number listed in **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible.

Dated: September 8, 2005.

**R.J. Petow,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-3214-EM]

#### Alabama; Emergency and Related Determinations

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of an emergency for the State of Alabama (FEMA-3214-EM), dated August 28, 2005, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 28, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated August 28, 2005, the President declared an emergency declaration under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the emergency conditions in certain areas of the State of Alabama, resulting from Hurricane Katrina beginning on August 28, 2005, and continuing, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (Stafford Act). Therefore, I declare that such an emergency exists in the State of Alabama.

You are authorized to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures, authorized under Title V of the Stafford Act to save lives, protect public health and safety, and property or to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in the designated areas. Specifically, you are authorized to provide debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B), including direct Federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program at 75 percent Federal funding. This assistance excludes regular time costs for subgrantees' regular employees. In addition, you are authorized to provide such other forms of assistance under Title V of the Stafford Act as you may deem appropriate.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Ron Sherman, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared emergency.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Alabama to have been affected adversely by this declared emergency:

The counties of Baldwin, Choctaw, Clarke, Mobile, Sumter, and Washington for Public Assistance Categories A and B (debris removal and emergency protective measures), including direct Federal assistance, at 75 percent Federal funding.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund Program; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance; 97.048, Individuals and Households Housing; 97.049, Individuals and Households Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050 Individuals and Households Program-Other Needs; 97.036, Public Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

**Michael D. Brown,**

*Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-3215-EM]

### Arkansas; Emergency and Related Determinations

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of an emergency for the State of Arkansas (FEMA-3215-EM), dated September 2, 2005, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 2, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated September 2, 2005, the President declared an emergency declaration under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the emergency conditions in the State of Arkansas, resulting from the influx of evacuees from states impacted by Hurricane Katrina beginning on August 29, 2005, and continuing, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration under the Robert T.

Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (Stafford Act). Therefore, I declare that such an emergency exists in the State of Arkansas.

You are authorized to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures, authorized under Title V of the Stafford Act to save lives and protect public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in the designated areas. Specifically, you are authorized to provide emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct Federal assistance, under the Public Assistance, at 100 percent Federal funding. This assistance excludes regular time costs for subgrantees' regular employees. In addition, you are authorized to provide such other forms of assistance under Title V of the Stafford Act as you may deem appropriate.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes such amounts as you find necessary for Federal emergency assistance and administrative expenses.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Gary Jones, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared emergency.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Arkansas to have been affected adversely by this declared emergency:

All 75 counties in the State of Arkansas for Public Assistance Category B (emergency protective measures), including direct Federal assistance, at 100 percent Federal funding.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund Program; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance; 97.048, Individuals and Households Housing; 97.049, Individuals and Households Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050 Individuals and Households Program-Other Needs; 97.036, Public Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program)

**Michael D. Brown,**

*Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security.*

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