

in operating and maintaining transportation facilities and services. The daily interaction of the general public with the physical components of our transportation system, particularly the installation of proper and effective traffic control devices, provides an ideal opportunity for creating public awareness and understanding of the safety benefits inherent in our transportation system. Outreach and interaction have the following benefits:

1. Encourages commitment to and compliance with the established goals and methods of managing and improving our transportation system;
2. Provides a rich amount of information about ways to improve the transportation system and make it safer for travel; and
3. Provides an opportunity to measure the quality of service we deliver.

As part of the "MUTCD 2000", the FHWA envisions a comprehensive outreach effort to the widest possible audience. Our goal is to expand our traditional network of customers and partners and provide information contained in the MUTCD to other groups, such as State departments of motor vehicles, drivers' education classes, law enforcement personnel, governors' highway safety representatives, emergency response providers, state and local officials, and community civic leaders.

Our Agency customers and partners are often in the best position to provide information to transportation users and providers because they routinely interact with city, county, and local officials. The Agency's commitment to marketing and outreach provides a unique opportunity to work cooperatively to identify methods of disseminating information to businesses, organizations, public agencies, and others that may be affected by the proposed changes to the MUTCD.

The FHWA plans to provide the MUTCD 2000 in a variety of formats: a hard copy manual, a CD-ROM version, and a version available through the Internet. In addition, both internal and external customers have suggested that the Agency consider the following as part of the MUTCD 2000 release: video presentations to highlight the changes; training course and materials; exhibit booth graphics and kiosks; brochures and other promotional materials.

The purpose of this request for comments is to identify what role the MUTCD plays in your organization and specifically seek your ideas on ways to effectively disseminate the MUTCD 2000, as well as receive your comments on ways to expand the Agency's target

audience. To stimulate an exchange of ideas, the following questions have been developed:

1. What is your primary interest in the MUTCD?
2. How do you currently use the MUTCD?
3. How would you envision utilizing the information in the MUTCD in the future?
4. How often do you receive inquiries regarding the MUTCD and what is the nature of these inquiries?
5. Whom would you identify as the audience for the MUTCD?
6. Are there missing pieces of information the MUTCD should cover?
7. Does your organization have a knowledge gap the MUTCD can fill?
8. Does your organization wish to partner with FHWA by publishing/printing the MUTCD after the final text has been approved by the FHWA?
 - (a) Do you wish to provide this service alone or with other organizations?
 - (b) How much would your organization contribute to the initial printing setup cost?
 - (c) Are there any conditions or requirements your organization has for this service?
 - (d) Are there any conditions or requirements your organization has for its logo, title, credits, etc. to be placed in the MUTCD 2000?
9. Does your organization wish to partner with FHWA by developing training videos for traffic engineers, technicians, drivers (drivers' education), pedestrians, bicyclists, elder citizens and/or children in the MUTCD 2000?
10. Does your organization wish to partner with FHWA by developing public information press releases, printed articles, radio announcements, or videos on "What's new in the MUTCD 2000"?
11. Does your organization wish to partner with FHWA by developing other training courses and materials for the MUTCD?
12. Do you have other suggestions to include in the MUTCD 2000 outreach effort?
13. Does your organization have access to the Internet and/or facilities for using a CD-ROM version of the MUTCD?
14. What trade publications or journals do you commonly receive and what trade conferences do you attend?
15. What are your professional and civic affiliations?

The FHWA welcomes input and encourages responders to expand on these questions with other suggestions.

List of Subjects in 23 CFR Part 655

Design standards, Grant programs—transportation, Highways and roads, Incorporation by reference, Signs, Traffic regulations.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 101(a), 104, 105, 109(d), 114(a), 135, 217, 307, 315, and 402(a); 23 CFR 1.32; and 49 CFR 1.48(b).

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Kenneth R. Wykle,

Federal Highway Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

46 CFR Part 27

[CG 97-064]

RIN 2115-AF-53

Towing Vessel Safety

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Correction to notice of proposed rulemaking; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This document contains a correction to the notice of proposed rulemaking (CGD 97-064) which was published Friday, October 6, 1997, [62 FR 52057]. The rules are intended to improve the safety of towing vessels and tank barges.

DATES: Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before August 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to the Executive Secretary, Marine Safety Council (G-LRA/3406) (CG-97-064), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, or deliver them to room 3406 at the same address between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-267-1477.

The Executive Secretary maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room 3406, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Markle, Project Manager (Fire Protection) 202-267-1076; or Mr. Allen Penn, Project Manager (Emergency Control Systems) 202-267-2997, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written data, views, or arguments. You should include your names and addresses, identify this rulemaking (CGD 97-064) and the specific section of this document that the comment applies, and give a reason for the comment. Please submit two copies of all comments and attachments in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you want us to acknowledge receiving your comments, please include a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

The Coast Guard will consider all comments received during the comment period and may change this proposed rule in view of the comments.

Background

The notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) would establish rules requiring training, drills, and the installation of equipment to suppress fires on towing vessels, and to enhance existing standards for anchoring or retrieving a drifting tank barge. The NPRM stated that the rules concerning drifting barges would apply to tank barges and vessels towing them on the high seas, territorial sea, and the Great Lakes.

Need for Correction

For the purposes of this NPRM, the Coast Guard treated the statutory language "open ocean [and] coastal waters" as equivalent to the regulatory

language "high seas and territorial sea." The territorial-sea baseline generally follows the coastline of the United States. However, it does not follow the coastlines of Connecticut or New York inside Long Island. There, it follows the seaward side of the island. Consequently, the NPRM inadvertently excluded Long Island Sound from the waters on which the proposed rules would apply to tank barges and vessels towing them.

Correction of Publication

Accordingly, the publication on October 6, 1997, of the proposed rule (CGD 97-064), which is the subject of FR Doc. 97-26304, is corrected as follows:

1. Paragraph (a) of § 155.230 is corrected to read as follows:

§ 155.230 Emergency control systems for tank barges.

(a) *Application.* This section applies to tank barges and vessels towing them—

- (1) On the territorial seas;
- (2) On the high seas;
- (3) On Long Island Sound; or
- (4) In Great Lakes service.

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Dated: June 4, 1998.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Acting Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**48 CFR Parts 216, 245, and 252**

[DFARS Case 97-D027]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Title to Government Property

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Proposed rule; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Director of Defense Procurement is withdrawing a proposed rule published in the **Federal Register** on October 17, 1997 (62 FR 54008), under DFARS Case 97-D027, Title to Government Property. The rule proposed amendments to the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement to reduce the amount of Government-owned special tooling and test equipment in the possession of DoD contractors. After considering public comments, the Director of Defense Procurement has decided to withdraw the proposed rule.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Angelena Moy by phone at (703) 695-1097/8, by fax at (703) 695-7569, or by E-mail (Internet) at Moyac@acq.osd.mil. Please cite DFARS Case 97-D027.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 216, 245, and 252

Government procurement.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulation Council.

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