

By law, the Committee consists of eighteen members who have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience regarding the transportation, equipment, and techniques that are used to ship cargo and to navigate vessels in the inshore and the offshore waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Committee members represent a wide range of constituencies. There are eleven membership categories:

(1) Two members who are employed by the Port of Houston Authority or have been selected by that entity to represent them; (2) two members who are employed by the Port of Galveston or the Texas City Port Complex or have been selected by those entities to represent them; (3) two members from organizations that represent shipowners, stevedores, shipyards, or shipping organizations domiciled in the State of Texas; (4) two members representing organizations that operate tugs or barges that utilize the port facilities at Galveston, Houston, and Texas City; (5) two members representing shipping companies that transport cargo from the ports of Galveston and Houston on liners, break bulk, or tramp steamer vessels; (6) two members representing those who pilot or command vessels that utilize the ports of Galveston, Houston and Texas City; (7) two at-large members who may represent a particular interest group but who use the port facilities at Galveston, Houston or Texas City; (8) one member representing labor organizations involved in the loading and unloading of cargo at the ports of Galveston or Houston; (9) one member representing licensed merchant mariners other than pilots, who perform shipboard duties on vessels which utilize the port facilities of Galveston, Houston or Texas City; (10) one member representing environmental interests; and (11) one member representing the general public. In support of the policy of the Department of Transportation on gender and ethnic diversity, the Coast Guard encourages applications from qualified women and members of minority groups. Individuals nominated to represent the general public will be required to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450). Neither the report nor the information it contains may be released to the public, except under an order issued by a Federal court or as otherwise provided under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a).

Dated: July 23, 2001.

Roy J. Casto,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG 2001-10300]

National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee; Vacancies

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is seeking applications for membership on the National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC). NOSAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Coast Guard on matters affecting the offshore industry.

DATES: Applications should reach us on or before September 30, 2001.

ADDRESSES: You may request an application form by writing to Commandant (G-MSO-2), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling 202-267-1181; or by faxing 202-267-4570. A copy of the application form is available from the Coast Guard's Advisory Committee web page at: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/advisory/index.htm>. Send your application in written form to the above street address. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Captain M.W. Brown, Executive Director of NOSAC, or James M. Magill, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202-267-1181, fax 202-267-4570.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOSAC is a Federal advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2. It consists of 14 regular members who have particular knowledge and experience regarding offshore technology, equipment, safety and training and environmental expertise in the exploration or recovery of offshore mineral resources. It provides advice and makes recommendations to the Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection on safety and rulemaking matters relating to the offshore mineral and energy industries. This advice assists us in formulating the positions of the United States in advance of meetings of the International Maritime Organization

NOSAC meets twice a year, with one of these meetings being held at Coast

Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC. It may also meet for extraordinary purposes. Subcommittees and working groups may meet to consider specific problems as required.

We will consider applications for five positions that expire or become vacant in January 2002 and one position that became vacant on January 2001. To be eligible, applicants should have experience in one of the following categories: (1) Offshore drilling, (2) offshore supply vessel services including geophysical services, (3) safety and training relating to offshore activities, (4) offshore production, (5) national environmental interests, or (6) general public interest associated with offshore activities. Please state on the application form which of the six categories you are applying for. Each member normally serves a term of 3 years or until a replacement is appointed. A few members may serve consecutive terms. All members serve at their own expense and receive no salary, reimbursement of travel expenses, or other compensation from the Federal Government.

In support of the policy of the U.S. Department of Transportation on gender and ethnic diversity, the Coast Guard encourages applications from qualified women and minority group members.

If you are selected as the general public member, we will require you to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450). We may not release the report or the information in it to the public, except under an order issued by a Federal court or as otherwise provided under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a).

Dated: July 27, 2001.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

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Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) and its Subcommittees will meet to discuss various issues relating to the marine transportation of hazardous materials in bulk. All meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: CTAC will meet on Thursday, September 13, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Subcommittees on Prevention Through People (PTP) and Hazardous Substances Response Standards will meet on Wednesday, September 12, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Subcommittee on Vessel Cargo Tank Overpressurization will meet on Friday, September 14, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. These meetings may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before August 31, 2001. Requests to have a copy of written material distributed to each member of the Committee or Subcommittee should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 5, 2001.

ADDRESSES: CTAC will meet in room 2415, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC. The PTP Subcommittee will meet at Coast Guard Headquarters in room 1103. The Hazardous Substances Response Standards Subcommittee will meet in Suite 1000 at the National Pollution Funds Center, 4200 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA. The Vessel Cargo Tank Overpressurization Subcommittee will meet at Coast Guard Headquarters in room 2415. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Commander James M. Michalowski, Commandant (G-MSO-3), 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>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commander James M. Michalowski, Executive Director of CTAC, or Ms. Sara S. Ju, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202-267-1217, fax 202-267-4570.

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

Agenda of Meetings

Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee

(1) Introduction of Committee members and attendees.

(2) Progress Reports from the PTP, Hazardous Substances Response Standards, and Vessel Cargo Tank Overpressurization Subcommittees.

(3) Presentation on the Millennium Class Tanker.

(4) Presentation by a Guest Speaker on "Expansive Imbibition for Practical Pollution Particulation or Separating Things from Stuff."

(5) Coast Guard update on Cargo Authority Lists for the New Coast Guard MISLE Database.

(6) Update of Coast Guard Regulatory Projects and IMO Activities.

Subcommittee on PTP. The agenda includes the following:

(1) Continuation of work on the development of a risk management guide for the chemical transportation industry.

Subcommittee on Hazardous Substances Response Standards. The agenda includes the following:

(1) Final development of recommendations to the Coast Guard concerning protocols for emergency chemical response.

Subcommittee on Vessel Cargo Tank Overpressurization. The agenda includes the following:

(1) Continuing development of recommendations for an industry standard to address the prevention of cargo tank overpressurization during inerting, padding, purging, and line clearing operations.

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 August 31, 2001. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than September 5, 2001. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the Committee or Subcommittee in advance of the meetings, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than September 5, 2001.

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 Assistant to the Executive Director of CTAC as soon as possible.

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Joseph J. Angelo

Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-2000-7514]

National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP)

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On April 13, 2001, the Coast Guard published a notice in the **Federal Register** requesting comments on proposed changes to the 1994 National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP) guidelines, and stated the proposed changes would be available by June 1, 2001. However, they were not made available in the Docket until July 3, 2001. Because of this delay, the Coast Guard is extending the comment period through October 3, 2001.

DATES: Comments on the proposed changes to the PREP Guidelines must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before October 3, 2001.

ADDRESSES: To make sure your comments and related material are not entered more than once in the docket, please submit them by only one of the following means:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility (USCG-2000-7514), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) By hand delivery to 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.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web Site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this request for comments on PREP proposed guidelines. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may electronically access the public docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice or general information regarding the PREP program, contact Robert Pond, Office of Response, Plan and Preparedness