

Overview of This Information Collection

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

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Action on an Approved Application or Petition.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Form I-824, Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or Households. This information collection is used to request a duplicate approval notice, to notify and to verify to the U.S. Consulate that a petition has been approved or that a person has been adjusted to permanent resident status.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 43,772 responses at 25 minutes (.416 hours) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 18,209 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan (202) 514-3291, Director, Regulations and Forms Services Division, Department of Homeland Security, 425 I Street, NW., Room 4304, Washington, DC 20536. Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time may also be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Steve Cooper, PRA Clearance Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Regional Office Building 3, 7th and D Streets, SW., Suite 4636-26, Washington, DC 20202.

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Richard A. Sloan,

Department Clearance Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

ACTION: 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review; Application for Temporary Protected Status; Forms I-821 and I-821A.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until March 15, 2004.

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

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed 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 agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed 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.

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

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Temporary Protected Status.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Form I-821. Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: individuals or households. The information provided on this collection is used by the DHS to determine whether an applicant for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) meets the eligibility requirements. Such TPS benefits include employment authorization and relief from the threat of removal or deportation from the U.S. while in such status.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 176,000 responses at 30 minutes (.50 hours) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 88,000 annual burden hours.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[CGD08-03-051]

Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Coast Guard is seeking applications for appointment to membership on the Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC). HOGANSAC provides

advice and makes recommendations to the Coast Guard on matters relating to the safe navigation of vessels to and from the Ports of Galveston, Houston, and Texas City, and throughout Galveston Bay, Texas.

DATES: Applications must be completed and postmarked no later than April 30, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You may request an application form by writing to Commanding Officer, USCG VTS Houston/Galveston, 9640 Clinton Drive, Houston, TX 77029; by calling Lieutenant (LT) Sean Komatinsky at (713-671-5103); by submitting a faxed request to 713-671-5159; or by visiting HOGANSAC's Web site at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/advisory/hogansac/hogan.htm>. All application forms must be returned to the following address: Commanding Officer, Attn: HOGANSAC Executive Secretary, USCG VTS Houston/Galveston, 9640 Clinton Drive, Houston, TX 77029.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commander (CDR) Thomas Marian, Executive Secretary of HOGANSAC at (713-671-5160) or LT Sean Komatinsky, Assistant to the Executive Secretary of HOGANSAC at (713-671-5103).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: HOGANSAC is a Federal advisory committee subject to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. App. 2. This committee provides local expertise to the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Coast Guard on such matters as communications, surveillance, traffic control, anchorages, aids to navigation, and other related topics dealing with navigation safety in the Houston/Galveston area. The committee normally meets at least three times a year at various locations in the Houston/Galveston area. Members serve voluntarily, without compensation from the Federal Government for salary, travel, or per diem. Term of membership is for two years. Individuals appointed by the Secretary based on applications submitted in response to this solicitation will serve from November 21, 2004 until November 21, 2006.

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 Homeland Security 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: December 30, 2003.

J.W. Stark,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Commander, 8th Coast Guard Dist.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2004-16851]

Towing Safety Advisory Committee; Vacancies

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC). TSAC advises the Coast Guard on matters relating to shallow-draft inland and coastal waterway navigation and towing safety.

DATES: Application forms should reach us on or before March 15, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You may request an application form by writing to Commandant (G-MSO-1), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling 202-267-0214; or by faxing 202-267-4570. Send your original completed and signed application in written form to the above street address. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> in docket USCG-2004-16851 and the application form is available at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/advisory/index.htm> (Click on "ACM Application").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gerald Miente; Assistant Executive Director of TSAC, telephone 202-267-0214, fax 202-267-4570, or e-mail gmiente@comdt.uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) is a Federal advisory committee mandated by Congress and operates under 5 U.S.C. App. 2, (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, as amended). It advises the Secretary of Homeland Security on matters relating to shallow-draft inland and coastal waterway navigation and towing safety. This advice also assists the Coast Guard in formulating the position of the United States in advance of meetings of the International Maritime Organization.

TSAC meets at least once a year at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC, or another location selected by the Coast Guard. It may also meet for extraordinary purposes. Its working groups may meet to consider specific issues as required. The 16-person membership includes 7 representatives of the barge and towing industry (reflecting a regional geographical balance); 1 member from the offshore mineral and oil supply vessel industry; and 2 members from each of the following areas: Maritime labor; shippers (of whom at least one shall be engaged in the shipment of oil or hazardous materials by barge); port districts, authorities, or terminal operators; and the general public.

We are currently considering applications for three positions from the Barge and Towing Industry reflecting a geographical balance, one position from Port Districts, Authorities, or Terminal