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All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- **Web site:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- **Fax:** 202-493-2251.
- **Mail:** Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- **Hand Delivery:** 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by June 15, 2017 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of www.regulations.gov.

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Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety, Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2009-0071]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on November 21, 2016, Ellis and Eastern Company (EE) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension to its existing waiver of compliance in Docket Number FRA-2009-0071. The existing waiver provides EE relief from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 21103(a)(4), which, in part, requires a train employee to receive 48 hours off duty after initiating an on-duty period for 6 consecutive days. The waiver allows the 7 train employees of EE to receive 24 hours off duty after initiating an on-duty period for 6 consecutive days.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD 2017-0079]

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Request for Public Input

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comment on methods to improve the prevention of, and response to sexual harassment, sexual assault, or other inappropriate conduct, as well as methods to improve the shipboard climate during the United States Merchant Marine Academy Midshipman Sea Year experience. The purpose of this public notice is to gather comments to assist in the development of a statutorily mandated report to Congress with actionable recommendations.

DATES: The deadline to submit comments is June 30, 2017. See *Submitting Your Comments and Opinions* below for specific directions.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the docket number above and submitted by one of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov/>. Follow the online instruction for submitted comments.

- *Mail*: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- *Hand Delivery*: 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Gilmour, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Training Ships, Innovation, and Outreach, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, Washington, DC 20590; (202) 366–1882; email: Paul.Gilmour@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 3513 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (NDAA) requires MARAD to convene a Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Working Group (SAPR) that will prepare a report to Congress. The statute requires the SAPR Working Group to examine methods to improve the prevention of, and response to, sexual harassment, sexual assault, or other inappropriate conduct, as well as methods to improve the shipboard climate, particularly in the context of the Sea Year experience of United States Merchant Marine Academy cadets. To assist in the process, MARAD is seeking public input to focus on the following seven (7) issues:

1. Options that could promote a climate of honor and respect, and a culture that is intolerant of sexual harassment, sexual assault, or other inappropriate conduct and those who commit it, with operators of vessels of the United States;
2. Strategies to raise awareness of sexual harassment, sexual assault, or other inappropriate conduct with operators of vessels of the United States;
3. Options that could be implemented by the operators of vessels of the United States that would remove any barriers to the reporting of sexual harassment, sexual assault, or other inappropriate conduct that occurs during a cadet's Sea Year experience and protect the victim's confidentiality;
4. Potential program or policy to improve the prevention of, and response to, incidents of sexual harassment, sexual assault, or other inappropriate conduct;
5. Potential program or policy requiring crews to complete a sexual harassment and sexual assault prevention and response training program before the cadet's Sea Year that includes—

(A) fostering a shipboard climate—
(i) that does not tolerate sexual harassment, sexual assault, or other inappropriate conduct;

(ii) in which persons assigned to vessel crews are encouraged to intervene to prevent such potential incidents; and

(iii) that encourages victims to report any incident of sexual harassment, sexual assault, or other inappropriate conduct; and

(B) promoting an understanding of the needs of, and the resources available to, a victim after an incident of sexual harassment, sexual assault, or other inappropriate conduct;

6. Other feasible changes to Sea Year training at the Academy, and corresponding changes to curricula, to improve prevention of and response to incidents of sexual harassment, sexual assault, and other inappropriate conduct; and

7. How vessel operators could ensure the confidentiality of a report of sexual harassment, sexual assault, or other inappropriate conduct in order to protect the victim and prevent retribution.

Submitting Your Comments and Opinions

1. We have opened a docket at <http://www.regulations.gov> to allow for submission of written comments for consideration by the SAPR.

2. You may submit your inputs identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD–2017–0079 by any of the following methods: Web site/Federal eRulemaking Portal, Fax, Mail or Hand Delivery. Please use only one of these means for each submission. All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this matter. Specific instructions follow.

3. For the Web site/Federal eRulemaking Portal, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the electronic docket site. To submit your input, type the docket number (MARAD–2017–0079) in the “SEARCH” box and click “SEARCH.” Click on “Submit a Comment” on the line associated with this Docket Number. If you submit comment via www.regulations.gov, please note that inputs submitted to www.regulations.gov are not immediately posted to the site. It may take several business days before your submission will be posted on the electronic docket.

4. For submission by telefacsimile/ FAX, transmit your agenda topic, comment or idea to (202) 493–2251. Be

sure to identify the submission by DOT Docket Number MARAD–2017–0079.

5. Submissions by Mail or Hand Delivery should go to Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays. If you submit your inputs by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

6. If you FAX, mail, or hand deliver your input we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

7. *Note:* All comments submitted for this purpose, including any personal information provided, will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

8. For access to the docket to read background documents or inputs received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to Room W12–140 of the Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. To view the docket electronically, type the docket number “MARAD–2017–0079” in the “SEARCH” box and click “Search.” Click and Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rulemaking.

Privacy Act

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice, DOT/ALL–14 FDMS, accessible through www.dot.gov/privacy. To facilitate comment tracking and response, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. Whether or not commenters identify themselves, all timely comments will be fully considered. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact the agency for alternate submission instructions.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 610; E.O. 13563, 76 FR 3821, Jan. 21 2011; E.O. 12866, 58 FR 51735, Oct. 4, 1993.

By Order of the Executive Director.

Dated: April 25, 2017.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

2017 Data Collection Under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, Department of Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act requires the Secretary of the Treasury to collect, from insurers that participate in the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program, information regarding insurance coverage for terrorism losses. The information is to be used by the Secretary in connection with reports analyzing various aspects of the Program. Participating insurers are directed to report information identified in a series of forms approved by the Office of Management and Budget through a web portal that has been established for that purpose. Participating insurers are required to respond to this data call, subject to certain exceptions identified in this Notice.

DATES: Certain data must be submitted not later than May 15, 2017, with the balance of any remaining information to be provided by October 1, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Participating insurers will submit the identified data after registration at a web portal that has been established for this data collection. A link to the Web site where participating insurers can commence the registration process can be found at <https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/fin-mkts/Pages/program.aspx>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Ifft, Senior Insurance Regulatory Policy Analyst, Federal Insurance Office, Room 1410, Department of Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20220, at (202) 622-2922 (this is not a toll-free number), Kevin Meehan, Senior Insurance Regulatory Policy Analyst, Federal Insurance Office, 202-622-7009 (not a toll free number), or Lindsey Baldwin, Senior Policy Analyst, Federal Insurance Office, 202-622-3220 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons who have difficulty hearing or speaking may access these numbers via TTY by

calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Congress enacted the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 (TRIA) ¹ based, in part, upon its recognition that widespread unavailability of terrorism risk insurance “could seriously hamper ongoing and planned construction, property acquisition, and other business projects, generate a dramatic increase in rents, and otherwise suppress economic activity.” ² TRIA requires insurers to make coverage available for certain lines of commercial property and casualty insurance. ³ To assist insurers with the financial exposure resulting from this required offer of coverage, TRIA established the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program (TRIP or Program), under which certain losses resulting from an “act of terrorism” (as defined by TRIA) are eligible for reimbursement through the Program. The Program is administered in the Department of Treasury (Treasury) by the Secretary of the Treasury (Secretary) with the assistance of the Federal Insurance Office. ⁴

TRIA originally authorized the Program for a three-year period ending December 31, 2005. The Program has since been reauthorized three times, most recently in the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2015 (2015 Reauthorization Act), ⁵ which extended the Program until December 31, 2020. Among other reforms and changes, the 2015 Reauthorization Act requires insurers participating in the Program to submit to the Secretary, beginning in calendar year 2016, “such information regarding insurance coverage for terrorism losses of such insurers as the Secretary considers appropriate to analyze the effectiveness of the Program” This information and data includes information regarding: (1) Lines of insurance with exposure to such losses; (2) premiums earned on such coverage; (3) geographical location of exposures; (4) pricing of such coverage; (5) the take-up rate for such coverage; (6) the amount of private reinsurance for acts of terrorism purchased; and (7) such other

¹ 15 U.S.C. 6701 note. Because the provisions of TRIA, as amended, appear in a note of the United States Code, references to the provisions of TRIA are identified by the sections of the law (e.g., “TRIA section 102(1) (definition of an ‘act of terrorism’)”).

² TRIA section 101(a)(5).

³ See TRIA section 103(c).

⁴ 31 U.S.C. 313(c)(1)(D).

⁵ Pub. L. 114-1, 129 Stat. 3.

matters as the Secretary considers appropriate. ⁶

Treasury conducted a voluntary data call in 2016, to avoid inadvertently imposing an unanticipated level of burden on participating insurers. In that year, before implementing regulations were effective, Treasury utilized a single reporting template approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on an emergency basis without a formal public notice and comment period. Data collected from the insurers that elected to respond to this request formed the basis for Treasury’s first report under the 2015 Reauthorization Act addressing the effectiveness of the Program. ⁷

On December 21, 2016, Treasury issued Final Rules concerning, among other things, its data collection authorities under the Program. ⁸ On December 27, 2016, Treasury published the data collection forms that it proposed to use for the 2017 data call, and invited the public to provide comments concerning those proposed forms. ⁹ Treasury received seven comments concerning the forms. ¹⁰ In response, and as discussed further below, Treasury has made a number of modifications to the forms and has also in certain ways modified the manner in which Treasury will collect the identified data. OMB has approved the use of these forms under Control Number 1505-0257.

II. Data Collection Forms and Procedures

The collection templates proposed for use in calendar year 2017 are based upon the form created for use in calendar year 2016, although certain changes were made based upon experience derived from the 2016 voluntary data call. The principal

⁶ TRIA section 104(h)(1) (2015 Reauthorization Act, Section 111).

⁷ See Department of Treasury, Report on the Overall Effectiveness of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program (June 2016), available at https://www.treasury.gov/initiatives/fio/reports-and-notices/Documents/2016_TRIP_Effectiveness_%20Report_FINAL.pdf.

⁸ 81 FR 93756 (Dec. 21, 2016); see 31 CFR 50.50-50.54.

⁹ 81 FR 95310 (Dec. 27, 2016).

¹⁰ Treasury received comments from the American Insurance Association (AIA), the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCIAA), the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC), the International Underwriting Association of London (IUA), Lloyd’s of London (Lloyd’s), Signal Mutual Indemnity Association Ltd. (Signal), and an individual, James Murray (Murray). The comments are available at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/Brower?rpp=25&so=DESC&sb=commentDueDate&po=0&D=TREAS-TRIP-2017-0002>. References to these comments are incorporated below where appropriate.