

Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, 202-366-5149, for questions on the docket.

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to submit comments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this document [USCG 2003-14496], and give the reasons for the comments. Please submit all comments and attachments in an unbound format no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose stamped self-addressed postcards or envelopes.

Information Collection Requests

1. *Title:* Marine Occupational Health and Safety Standards for Benzene—46 CFR part 197, subpart C.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0586.

Summary: To protect marine workers from exposure to toxic benzene vapor, the Coast Guard implemented 46 CFR part 197, subpart C.

Need: This information collection is vital to verifying compliance.

Respondents: Owners and operators of vessels.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden: The estimated burden is 59,766 hours a year.

2. *Title:* Request for Designation and Exemption of Oceanographic Research Vessels.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0053.

Summary: 46 U.S.C. 2113 authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to exempt Oceanographic Research Vessels, by rule, from certain parts of Subtitle II of Title 46, Shipping, of the United States Code, concerning vessels and seamen.

Need: This information is necessary to ensure that a vessel qualifies for exemption.

Respondents: Owners or operators of vessels.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden: The estimated burden is 21 hours a year.

3. *Title:* Oil Record Book for Ships.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0025.

Summary: The Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (APPS) and the International Convention for Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the 1978 Protocol relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78), require the entry into an Oil Record Book (CG-4602A) of information about oil carried as cargo or fuel. The maintenance of the Book constitutes the collection of information. The requirement for it appears at 33 CFR 151.25.

Need: This information helps to verify sightings of actual violations of the APPS, to determine the level of compliance with MARPOL 73/78, and to reinforce the provisions against discharge.

Respondents: Operators of vessels.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden: The estimated burden is 29,048 hours a year.

4. *Title:* Application for Vessel Inspection and Waiver.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0007.

Summary: The collection of information requires the owner, operator, agent, or master of a vessel to apply in writing to the Coast Guard before the commencement of the inspection for certification, or when, in the interest of national defense, a waiver from the requirements of navigation and vessel inspection seems desirable.

Need: 46 U.S.C. 3306 and 3309 authorize the Coast Guard to establish rules to protect life, property, and the environment by inspecting vessels. The reporting requirements of the Application for Inspection of U.S. Vessels and the Application for Waiver and Waiver Order are part of the Coast Guard's Marine Safety Program.

Respondents: Owners, operators, agents, or masters of vessels, or interested Federal agencies.

Frequency: On occasion, yearly, or on a 5-year cycle.

Burden: The estimated burden is 677 hours a year.

Dated: February 12, 2003.

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Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Information and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

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Towing Safety Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) and its working groups will meet as required to discuss various issues relating to shallow-draft inland and coastal waterway navigation and towing safety. All meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: TSAC will meet on Wednesday, March 19, 2003, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The working groups will meet on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, from 8 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 February 28, 2003. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the Committee or working groups should reach the Coast Guard on or before February 28, 2003.

ADDRESSES: On March 19, 2003, TSAC will meet in the East and West Meeting Rooms, the Hotel Monteleone hotel, 214 Rue Royale New Orleans, Louisiana 70130-2201. On March 18, 2003, the working groups will meet in the Vieux Carre Room at the same address and then, if necessary, move to separate spaces designated at that time. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Mr. Gerald P. Miente, Commandant (G-MSO-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice and a draft task statement are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gerald P. Miente, Assistant Executive Director, or Petty Officer Bryan Wick, telephone 202-267-0214, fax 202-267-4570, or e-mail at: gmiente@comdt.uscg.mil.

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

Agenda of Committee Meeting

The agenda tentatively includes the following:

- (1) Status Report of the Crew Alertness Working Group;
- (2) Status Report of the Towing Vessel Regulatory Review Working Group;
- (3) Status Report of the Maritime Security Working Group and Consideration of any Recommendations to the Coast Guard Regarding Potential Rules;
- (4) Status Report of the Study Group on Adequacy of Navigation Lights for Inland River Barge Tows; and
- (5) Consideration of a draft Task Statement regarding the issue of travel, or "deadhead," time.

Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may close early if all business is finished. 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 Assistant Executive Director no later than February 28, 2003. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later