

B. Standards for Vessels Providing Accommodation Service

We recognize that accommodated personnel are neither marine crew nor explicitly included in other personnel categories, and are not treated as traditional passengers either. While passengers would generally be expected to have little or no sea-going experience or familiarity with vessel systems, the level of that experience and familiarity may vary widely among accommodated personnel. For this reason, some accommodated personnel could be expected to behave like passengers in an emergency.

Because accommodated personnel are not marine crew or explicitly included in another personnel category, and in view of the risks, concerns and casualties described above in section III.A., the use of MODU, OSV, or cargo and miscellaneous vessel standards may not be appropriate for vessels providing accommodation service. Instead, passenger ship safety standards, supplemented by requirements addressing DPS and personnel transfer, may be more appropriate for these vessels.

IV. Request for Comments

In summary, the Coast Guard recognizes that federal statutes or regulations that explicitly address the design, construction, and operation of vessels providing accommodation services do not exist, that cargo ship or MODU safety standards may not be appropriate for these vessels, and that passenger ship safety standards supplemented by DPS and personnel transfer standards may be more appropriate.

We request comment on the standards appropriate for existing, new, and planned U.S. and foreign flag vessels that are engaging or would engage in accommodation service on the OCS, including appropriate DPS, personnel transfer system, manning, and training standards. We also request views on whether accommodated personnel should be treated as passengers, marine crew, special personnel, another personnel category, or a combination thereof. We further request information on the impact appropriate standards might have on such vessels and their operation. Additionally, we are interested in obtaining information about the scope of accommodation service provided by U.S. and foreign flag vessels on the U.S. OCS since January 1, 2002, including:

A. On vessels that are providing, or have provided, accommodation service:

1. The type of vessel used (*e.g.*, column-stabilized mobile offshore unit, passenger ship, offshore supply vessel, liftboat, barge, *etc.*);
2. The number and size of such vessels, including the length, breadth, depth, number of crew, number of accommodated persons, tonnage and any other information relevant to vessel capability;
3. The time interval that a vessel provided accommodation service;
4. The safety standards the vessel uses (*e.g.*, SOLAS Cargo Ship, SOLAS Passenger Ship, 2009 IMO MODU Code, *etc.*);
5. The DPS used, if any, and the standards associated therewith;
6. The personnel transfer system used and the standards associated therewith; and,
7. Any other pertinent vessel information, including construction and operation costs, charter rates, and the average day rate per accommodated person on a vessel.

B. On crew and accommodated personnel:

1. The training, including special training, that crew receive in crowd or crisis management, passenger safety, or similar training required to be provided to crew on SOLAS passenger ships by the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, (STCW);
2. The crew size, both licensed and other credentialed, and variations based on the number of accommodated personnel;
3. The frequency or degree to which the population of accommodated personnel changes over the course of a job or a given period of time;
4. The degree of training and experience of accommodated personnel (*e.g.*, marine credentials, STCW basic safety training or similar, training provided by vessel crew, frequency and degree of participation in drills); and,
5. Any other pertinent information on the scope of accommodation service (*e.g.*, crew cycling, replenishment, shore-based and on-board training, repatriation).

Please provide any comments in accordance with the procedures in the "Public Participation and Request for Comments" section above.

V. Authority

This document is issued under the authority of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. § 1331, *et seq.*, 5 U.S.C. 552(a), and 33 CFR 1.05–1.

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Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards, U.S. Coast Guard.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG–2011–1179]

National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of teleconference meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC) will meet by teleconference to review and discuss reports and recommendations on (1) the Diving Subcommittee and Task Statement to Study the Matter of Medical Treatment of Injured Divers while working on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) and (2) receive and discuss the Standards for DP Operating Personnel subcommittee interim report. This meeting will be open to the public. **DATES:** The teleconference meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. EST. This meeting may close early if all business is finished.

ADDRESSES: The Committee will meet via telephone conference, on February 15, 2012. The Public may participate by contacting the DFO and obtaining the telephone number to call in. Please contact the DFO as listed below in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to obtain teleconference information; however, the number of teleconference lines is limited and available on a first come first served basis. Members of the public may also participate by coming to Room 5–0622, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington DC 20593. Requests to make oral presentations should be sent to Commander Rob Smith, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) of NOSAC, Commandant (CG–5222), 2100 Second Street SW., Stop 7126, Washington, DC 20593–0005 or by fax to (202) 372–1926 on or before February 8, 2012.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the teleconference, contact the individuals listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section, as soon as possible.

To facilitate public participation we are inviting public comment on the

issues to be considered by the committee as listed in the "Agenda" section below. Comments must be submitted in writing no later than February 8, 2012, and must be identified by USCG-2011-1179 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- Email: Kevin.Y.Pekarek2@uscg.mil. Include the docket Number in the subject line of the message.

- Fax: (202) 372-1926.

- Mail: Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- Hand Delivery: Same as mail address above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (202) 366-9239.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and the docket number of this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. You may review a Privacy Act notice regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008, issue of the **Federal Register** (73 FR 3316).

Docket: For access to the docket to read documents or comments related to this notice, go to www.regulations.gov. A public comment period will be held during the meeting on February 15, 2012, from 11:30-12:00 p.m. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to 3 minutes. Please note that the public comment period may end before the time indicated, following the last call for comments. Contact the individuals listed below to register as a speaker.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commander Rob Smith, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) of NOSAC, or Mr. Kevin Pekarek, Alternate Designated Federal Officer (ADFO), telephone (202) 372-1386, fax (202) 372-1926. If you have any questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone (202) 366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92-463). NOSAC provides advice and recommendations to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on matters and actions concerning activities directly involved

with or in support of the exploration of offshore mineral and energy resources insofar as they relate to matters within Coast Guard jurisdiction.

Agenda of Meeting

The agenda for the February 15, 2012, Committee meeting is as follows:

- (1) Roll Call of committee members participating in the teleconference.

- (2) Approval of minutes from the November 15, 2011, meeting.

- (3) Presentation and discussion of interim reports and recommendations on:

- (a) Diving Sub-committee and Task Statement to Study the Matter of Medical Treatment of Injured Divers While Working on the OCS.

- (b) Standards for DP Operating Personnel.

- (4) Period for public comment.

Minutes

Minutes from the meeting will be available for public review and copying 30 days following the meeting at the www.fido.gov Web site. The meeting minutes may be accessed via this Web site by using the Committee Search function and searching for the Committee by name or by using the Committee number of "68." Once you have accessed the Committee page, click on the meetings tab and then the "View" button for the meeting dated February 15, 2012, to access the information for this meeting. Minutes and documents applicable for this meeting can also be found at an alternative site using the following web address: <https://homeport.uscg.mil> and use these key strokes: Missions>Port and Waterways>Safety Advisory Committee>NOSAC and then use the event key.

Dated: January 26, 2012.

J.G. Lantz,

Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-4050-DR; Docket ID FEMA-2011-0001]

Alaska; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Alaska (FEMA-4050-DR), dated December 22, 2011, and related determinations.

DATES: *Effective Date:* December 22, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peggy Miller, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3886.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated December 22, 2011, the President issued a major disaster declaration under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.* (the "Stafford Act"), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Alaska resulting from severe winter storms and flooding during the period of November 8-10, 2011, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.* (the "Stafford Act"). Therefore, I declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Alaska.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Public Assistance in the designated areas and Hazard Mitigation throughout the State. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance is supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration for the approved assistance to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Administrator, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Willie G. Nunn, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this major disaster.

The following areas of the State of Alaska have been designated as adversely affected by this major disaster:

The North Slope Borough, the Bering Strait Regional Educational Attendance Area (REAA), the Lower Kuskokwim REAA, the Lower Yukon REAA, and the Southwest Region REAA for Public Assistance.

All boroughs and REAAs within the State of Alaska are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. (The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used