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Anna Snouffer,

Acting Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Z-RIN 1660-ZA02

Preparedness Directorate; Protective Action Guides for Radiological Dispersal Device (RDD) and Improvised Nuclear Device (IND) Incidents; Notice Extending the Public Comment Period

AGENCY: Preparedness Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice extending the public comment period.

SUMMARY: On January 3, 2006, the Preparedness Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued "Protective Action Guides for Radiological Dispersal Device (RDD) and Improvised Nuclear Device (IND) Incidents" at 71 FR 173 to establish guidance for planning for and responding to an RDD or IND incident. The guidance included recommended "protective action guidelines" (PAGs) to support decisions to protect the public in response to an RDD or IND incident. The Notice invited the public to comment on the guidance from the date of publication through March 6, 2006. DHS has received requests from several organizations to extend the comment period to allow for further review of the guidance and preparation of comments. Accordingly, DHS has extended the comment period for this interim rule until April 14, 2006. This Notice informs the public that the comment period has been extended until April 14, 2006.

DATES: Comments on the guidance should be submitted on or before April 14, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket Number FEMA-2004-0004, Legacy ID DHS-2004-0029, and Z-RIN 1660-ZA02, by one of the following methods:

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

E-mail: FEMA-RULES@dhs.gov. Include the Docket Number FEMA-2004-0004, Legacy ID DHS-2004-0029, and Z-RIN 1660-ZA02 in the subject line of the message.

Fax: 202-646-4536.

Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier: Rules Docket Clerk, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Room 406, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number or Regulatory Information Number (RIN) for this rulemaking. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submitted comments may also be inspected at 500 C Street, SW., Room 406, Washington, DC 20472.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Craig Conklin, Director, Chemical and Nuclear Preparedness and Protection Division, Preparedness Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, 1800 South Bell Street, Crystal City, VA 22202; 703-605-1228 (phone), 703-605-1198 (facsimile), or craig.conklin@dhs.gov (e-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 3, 2006, the Preparedness Directorate of DHS issued "Protective Action Guides for Radiological Dispersal Device (RDD) and Improvised Nuclear Device (IND) Incidents" at 71 FR 173 for Federal agencies, and, as appropriate, State and local governments, emergency responders, and the general public who may find it useful in planning and responding to an RDD or IND incident. The guidance recommends "protective action guidelines" (PAGs) to support decisions about actions that may need to be taken to protect the public when responding to or recovering from an RDD or IND incident. It also outlines a process to implement the recommendations and discusses operational guidelines that may be useful in the implementation of the PAGs. The full text of the document was included in the Notice. The guidance was provided for interim use and may be revised based on comments received. The Preparedness Directorate sought input on the guidance through a notice of public comment period that extended from publication of the Notice on January 3, 2006 through March 6, 2006. A number of comments have been

provided by the public to date. Several potential commenters, however, have requested additional time to prepare and submit comments. Accordingly, DHS has extended the comment period until April 14, 2006.

Dated: March 9, 2006.

George W. Foresman,

Under Secretary for Preparedness.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2006-24106]

Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC) and its working groups will meet to discuss various issues relating to the training and fitness of merchant marine personnel. MERPAC advises the Secretary of Homeland Security on matters relating to the training, qualifications, licensing, and certification of seamen serving in the U.S. merchant marine. All meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: Two MERPAC working groups will meet on Monday, April 3, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The full MERPAC committee will meet on Tuesday, April 4, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, April 5, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. These meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. Requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before March 24, 2006. Written material and requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee should reach the Coast Guard on or before March 24, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The MERPAC working groups will meet on April 3, 2006, in Rooms 3317 (Task Statement 53) and 3319 (Task Statement 49) of U. S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593. The full MERPAC committee will meet on April 4-5, 2006, in Room 2415 of U. S. Coast Guard Headquarters. Further directions regarding the location of Coast Guard Headquarters may be obtained by contacting (202) 267-6890. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Mr. Mark Gould, Commandant (G-PSO-1), 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: For questions on this notice, contact Mr. Gould, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202-267-6890, fax 202-267-4570, or e-mail mgould@comdt.uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, as amended).

Agenda of Meetings on April 3, 2006

The working groups for Task Statement 49, concerning recommendations for use of a model sea course project in conjunction with an approved program for officer in charge of an engineering watch coming up through the hawse pipe, and Task Statement 53, concerning medical certification standards and disqualifying medical conditions for merchant mariners, will meet to conduct deliberations in preparation for delivering proposed MERPAC recommendations to the full committee.

Agenda of Meeting on April 4, 2006

The full committee will meet to discuss the objectives for the meeting. The working groups addressing the following task statements may meet to deliberate: Task Statement 30, concerning utilizing military sea service for STCW certifications; Task Statement 49, concerning recommendations for use of a model sea course project in conjunction with an approved program for officer in charge of an engineering watch coming up through the hawse pipe; Task Statement 51, concerning minimum standard of competence on tanker safety; Task Statement 52, concerning recommendations on the Coast Guard's draft proposals on issues that will be affected by the revisions to the 1997 Interim Rule Implementing the 1995 amendments to the STCW Convention; and Task Statement 53, concerning medical certification standards and disqualifying medical conditions for merchant mariners. In addition, new working groups may be formed to address issues proposed by the Coast Guard, MERPAC members, or the public. All task statements may be viewed at the MERPAC Web site at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/gm/advisory/merpac/merpac.htm>.

At the end of the day, the working groups will make a report to the full committee on what has been accomplished in their meetings. No

action will be taken on these reports on this date.

Agenda of Meeting on April 5, 2006

The agenda comprises the following:

(1) Introduction.

(2) Working Groups' Reports

(a) Task Statement 30, concerning utilizing military sea service for STCW certifications;

(b) Task Statement 49, concerning recommendations for use of a model sea course project in conjunction with an approved program for officer in charge of an engineering watch coming up through the hawse pipe;

(c) Task Statement 51, concerning minimum standard of competence on tanker safety;

(d) Task Statement 52, concerning recommendations on the Coast Guard's draft proposals on issues that will be affected by the revisions to the 1997 Interim Rule Implementing the 1995 amendments to the STCW Convention;

(e) Task Statement 53, concerning medical certification standards and disqualifying medical conditions for merchant mariners; and

(f) Other task statements which may have been adopted for discussion and action.

(3) Other items to be discussed:

(a) Standing Committee—Prevention Through People.

(b) Briefings concerning on-going projects of interest to MERPAC.

(c) Other items brought up for discussion by the committee or the public.

Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. At the Chair's 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 Mr. Gould no later than March 24, 2006. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than March 24, 2006. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of the meeting, please submit 25 copies to Mr. Gould no later than March 24, 2006.

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 Mr. Gould as soon as possible.

Dated: March 7, 2006.

Howard L. Hime,

Acting Director of Standards, Assistant Commandant for Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5041-N-06]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Pre-Foreclosure Sale Procedure

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* May 15, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Lillian Deitzer, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., L'Enfant Plaza Building, Room 8001, Washington, DC 20410 or Lillian_Deitzer@hud.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe McCloskey, Director, Office of Single Family Asset Management, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-1672 (this is not a toll free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection 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 agency's estimate of the