

Alcoholism, 6700B Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

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(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.271, Alcohol Research Career Development Awards for Scientists and Clinicians; 93.272, Alcohol National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.273, Alcohol Research Programs; 93.891, Alcohol Research Center Grants; 93.701, ARRA Related Biomedical Research and Research Support Awards., National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Advisory Council on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

The meeting will be held as a virtual meeting and is open to the public as indicated below. Individuals who plan to view the virtual meeting and need special assistance or other reasonable accommodations to view the meeting, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting. The open session will be videocast and can be accessed from the NIH Videocasting and Podcasting website (<http://videocast.nih.gov/>).

A portion of the meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Advisory Council on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

*Date:* February 3, 2022.

*Closed:* 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Name of Committee:* National Advisory Council on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

*Date:* February 4, 2022.

*Open:* 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* Opening Remarks, Administrative Matters, Director's Report, Presentations, and Other Business of the Council.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814 (Virtual Meeting).

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Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: NIMHD: <https://www.nimhd.nih.gov/about/advisory-council/>, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

Dated: December 1, 2021.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2020-0668]

#### Monitoring of Certain High Frequency, Voice-Distress Frequencies

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of decision.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Coast Guard will cease monitoring all High Frequency (HF) voice distress frequencies within the contiguous United States and Hawaii because they are rarely used. These frequencies are: 4125 kHz; 6215 kHz; 8291 kHz; and 12290 kHz. Advances in radio technology offer alternative means to send out distress notices. We will continue to monitor HF Digital Selective Calling distress alerting for all existing regions and voice distress alerting and hailing from Kodiak, Alaska, and Guam.

**DATES:** The Coast Guard will cease monitoring all high frequency voice distress frequencies on February 7, 2022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information about this document, please call or email Patrick Gallagher, Communications Specialist, Spectrum Management and Communications Policy, U.S. Coast Guard (Commandant CG-672); telephone: 202-475-3537; email: [Patrick.J.Gallagher@USCG.mil](mailto:Patrick.J.Gallagher@USCG.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 20, 2020, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (85 FR 74361) that the Coast Guard was considering no longer monitoring four High Frequency (HF) voice distress frequencies within the contiguous United States and Hawaii. In the notice, we requested feedback from the public on the proposed termination. The comment period closed on January 19, 2021. We received four submissions in response to our inquiry, requesting the Coast Guard maintain these frequencies, due to the cost of purchasing a Digital Selective Calling (DSC)-capable HF radio. DCS-capable radios have been in production and available for purchase to the maritime community for over 20 years and are accessible to all mariners. In addition, low-cost satellite Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) radios have become available to the commercial market.

Due to the advances in radio technology (DSC-capable HF radios and GMDSS Satellite radios), regular HF radio call outs have been virtually nonexistent. DSC technology has been available to the maritime community since 1999 and along with mobile satellite communications has resulted in almost no regular HF voice distress traffic. This has been exemplified by the Coast Guard not having received a single voice distress call that could be correlated to an actual response in excess of 7 years.

The Coast Guard is terminating the monitoring of all HF Voice Distress Frequencies (4125 kHz; 6215 kHz; 8291 kHz; and 12290 kHz) in the contiguous United States and Hawaii. As noted, DSC-capable HF radios have been available for decades and low-cost satellite GMDSS radios are also available. We will continue to monitor the HF DSC distress alerting for all existing regions and voice distress alerting and hailing from Kodiak, Alaska, and Guam.

This notice is issued under the authority of 14 U.S.C. 504(a)(16) and 5 U.S.C. 552(a).

Dated: December 02, 2021.

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