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Background and Purpose

In accordance with the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (as reauthorized and amended by the National Invasive Species Act of 1996 (NISA)), the Coast Guard promulgated ballast water management (BWM) regulations in 33 CFR part 151, subparts C and D. As part of NISA, Congress authorized the Coast Guard to require BWM reporting and recordkeeping so that we can monitor discharge trends and practices as well as monitor compliance with BWM regulations.

Subpart C of 33 CFR part 151 applies to vessels carrying ballast water after operating outside of the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) that enter the Snell Lock at Massena, New York, or vessels that navigate north of the George Washington Bridge on the Hudson River. In accordance with 33 CFR 151.1516 and 151.2041(b)(1)–(2), vessels entering the Great Lakes or Hudson River, north of the George Washington Bridge, must submit BWM reports at least 24 hours prior to arrival.

The regulations in subpart D apply to all vessels, foreign and domestic, equipped with ballast tanks that operate in U.S. waters and are bound for U.S. ports or places. 33 CFR 151.2041 contains specific BWM reporting requirements. To accompany these regulations, we also published Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) 07–04, change 1 entitled “Ballast Water Management for the Control of Aquatic Nuisance Species in the Waters of the United States.” NVIC 07–04, CH–1 also provides additional guidance on the equivalent reporting program for vessels operating exclusively within the EEZ (as established in 33 CFR 151.2043), allowing approved vessels to submit reports on a monthly basis, as opposed to the standard schedule required by 33 CFR 151.2041.

These BWM reporting requirements are currently being reviewed for potential revisions. In this review process, the Coast Guard is interested in receiving comments on current reporting and recordkeeping requirements contained in the mandatory BWM regulations in 33 CFR part 151, subparts C and D. Specifically, the Coast Guard is seeking public comments on the current ballast water management reporting submission requirements, including comments on vessel types currently required to submit ballast water management reporting forms. Also, the Coast Guard

is seeking comments on the ballast water reporting form itself to determine whether or not the form should be updated. Comments submitted to the docket may or may not be used to amend these ballast water management reporting requirements.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

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Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee; Subcommittee Meeting

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the meeting of the Subcommittee of the Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) on the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 472 Standard. The Subcommittee on the NFPA 472 Standard will meet to discuss the formation of a new marine emergency responder chapter in NFPA 472, Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents. This meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The Subcommittee on the NFPA 472 Standard will meet on Thursday, February 8, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Central Standard Time). This meeting 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 1, 2007. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the Subcommittee should reach the Coast Guard on or before February 1, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The Subcommittee on the NFPA 472 Standard will meet at Marathon Oil Corporation Headquarters, 5555 San Felipe Road, Houston, TX 77056, on the tenth floor. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Commander Richard J. Raksnis, Executive Director of CTAC, Commandant (CG–3PSO–3), 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:

Commander Richard J. Raksnis, Executive Director of CTAC telephone 202–372–1425, fax 202–372–1926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92–463).

Agenda of the NFPA 472 Subcommittee Meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2007:

(1) Introduce Subcommittee members and attendees.

(2) Prepare draft chapter for future incorporation into the NFPA 472 Standard, Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents.

Procedural

This meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. At the discretion of the Chair, 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 Executive Director and submit written material on or before February 1, 2007.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meeting, telephone the Executive Director as soon as possible.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed revised