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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

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#### Navigation Safety Advisory Council; Vacancies

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the Navigation Safety Advisory Council (NAVSAC). NAVSAC advises the Coast Guard on the prevention of vessel collisions, rammings, and groundings; Inland Rules of the Road; International Rules of the Road; navigation regulations and equipment; routing measures; marine information; diving safety; and aids to navigation systems.

**DATES:** Application forms must reach us on or before September 15, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** You may request an application form by writing to Commandant (G-MW), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling (202) 267-6164; by faxing (202) 267-4700; or by e-mail

*Jshort@comdt.uscg.mil*. Send your completed application form and a short resume to the above street address. This notice and the application form are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Margie Hegy, Executive Director of NAVSAC at (202) 267-0415, fax (202) 267-4700.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Navigation Safety Advisory Council (NAVSAC) is a Federal advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2; Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770 (1972). It advises the Secretary of Homeland Security, via the Commandant of the Coast Guard, on the prevention of vessel collisions, rammings, and groundings; Inland Rules of the Road; International Rules of the Road; navigation regulations and equipment; routing measures; marine information; diving safety; and aids to navigation systems.

NAVSAC meets at least twice a year at various locations in the continental United States. It may also meet for

extraordinary purposes. Its subcommittees and working groups may meet to consider specific problems as required.

We will consider applications for 21 positions. To be considered for membership, all applicants, including individuals who applied previously, must submit current applications and a brief resume. However, if Congressional letters of reference supporting an earlier application were submitted within the last two years, they do not need to be updated. These letters of reference will be considered as part of an updated application.

To be eligible for membership on NAVSAC, you should have experience in the above mentioned subject areas. To assure balanced representation of subject matter expertise, members are chosen, insofar as practical, from the following groups: (1) Recognized experts and leaders in organizations having an active interest in the Rules of the Road and vessel and port safety; (2) representatives of owners and operators of vessels, professional mariners, recreational boaters, and the recreational boating industry; (3) individuals with an interest in maritime law; and (4) Federal and State officials with responsibility for vessel and port safety. In addition, memberships will be geographically balanced. Seven members will be appointed to serve one-year terms; seven to serve two-year terms; and the remaining seven will serve for a term of three years. Thereafter, one-third of the memberships will expire annually on June 30 and members will be appointed or reappointed to serve three-year terms. A few members may serve consecutive terms. All members serve without compensation from the Federal Government, although travel reimbursement and per diem may be provided.

In support of the policy of the Department of Homeland Security on gender and ethnic diversity, we encourage qualified women and members of minority groups to apply.

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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, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate (EP&R), 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 proposed continuing information collections. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments on information collected and maintained on students attending National Fire Academy (NFA) and Emergency Management Institute (EMI) courses.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public Law 93-498, Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act, as amended, (15 U.S.C. 2201 *et seq.*) established the National Fire Academy (NFA) to "advance the professional development of fire service personnel and of other persons engaged in fire prevention and control activities \* \* \*" and authorizes the Superintendent, NFA, to "conduct courses and programs of training and education \* \* \*" Public Law 93-288, Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, (42 U.S.C. 5121-5206) authorizes the President to establish "a program of disaster preparedness that utilizes services of all appropriate agencies and includes \* \* \* (2) training and exercises \* \* \*."

Under the authorities of Executive Order 12127 and 12148, as amended, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, is responsible for carrying out the mandates of the public laws mentioned above. The Secretary established the National Emergency Training Center (NETC), located in Emmitsburg, Maryland, which houses both NFA and EMI. The data collection is used to (1) determine eligibility for courses and programs offered by NFA and EMI, (2) provide a consolidated record of all EP&R/FEMA training taken

by a student, (3) provide a transcript which can be used by the student in requesting college credit or continuing education units for courses completed, and (4) to determine eligibility for student stipends.

**Collection of Information**

*Title:* General Admissions Application/General Admissions Application Short Form.

*Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

*OMB Number:* 1660-0007 (formerly under OMB Number 3067-0024, which OMB transferred from FEMA to the Department of Homeland Security effective March 1, 2003).

*Form Numbers:* FEMA Form 75-5, General Admissions Application (paper and electronic versions); FEMA Form 75-5a, General Admissions Application Short Form paper and electronic versions).

*Abstract:* Currently EMI, NFA and the NETC Admissions Office are working towards consolidating, or linking databases so that EP&R/FEMA can eventually have a single source for training information. In attempting to accomplish this goal it was determined that specific information needs to be collected by all parties so a unified database can be developed. In the near future, the FEMA Form 75-5 will be available for the public to enroll in EMI and NFA courses electronically. In

addition, the EMI Independent Study Program has made a commitment to begin using the new FEMA Form 75-5a (automated) to enroll students in EMI's Independent Study Program. Presently the Independent Study Program uses the OMB approved FEMA Form 95-23 (under OMB control number 1660-0046) to enroll students in this program. It is EP&R/FEMA's intent to replace FEMA Form 95-23 with the FEMA Form 75-5a (automated) form.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, and State, local or tribal government.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 27,333.

FEMA forms	Number of respondents (A)	Frequency of response (B)	Hours/Minutes per response (C) (minutes)	Annual burden hours (A x B x C)	Average hourly wage rate	Estimated annual cost
75-5 .....	10,000	1	9	1,500	\$33.65	\$7,571
75-5a .....	25,000	1	6	2,500	\$22.84	5,710
75-5 (Automated) .....	20,000	1	10	3,333	\$33.65	18,693
75-5a (Automated) .....	150,000	1	8	20,000	\$22.84	60,907
Total .....	235,000	.....	.....	27,333	.....	\$92,881

*Estimated Annual Cost to the Respondent:* \$92,881.

*Estimated Annual Cost to the Federal Government:* Costs include 50% of the data entry contract (\$307,000), 50% of the annual salary cost of three full-time personnel working in the NETC Admissions Office (two GS9's and one GS11) at approximately \$72,000, printing at \$500 per year. Contract cost for supporting use of the new FEMA Forms 75-5 and 75-5a (automated) is estimated at \$198,000, based on 20% of data entry contract (\$123,000) and 20% of independent study contract (\$75,000). Contract cost of the maintenance contract that includes the Admissions System, is estimated at \$150,000, based on 25% of that contract. Total average estimated cost to the Federal Government is \$727,500 annually.

*Comments:* Written comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated,

electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. Comments should be received within 60 days of the date of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit written comments to Muriel B. Anderson, Chief, Records Management Branch, Information Resources Management Division, Information Technology Services Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Darlyn Vestal, Admissions Specialist, Management, Operations and Support Services, U.S. Fire Administration, (301) 447-1415 for additional information. You may contact Ms. Anderson for copies of the proposed collection of information at facsimile number (202) 646-3347 or email address: [Information.Collections@fema.gov](mailto:Information.Collections@fema.gov).

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 Information and Resources Management  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND**

**Transportation Security Administration**

**Port Security Grant Program; Application Notice Describing the Category of Interest and Establishing the Close Date for Receipt of Applications Under the Port Security Grant Program—Round 3**

**AGENCY:** Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice inviting applications for the Port Security Grant Program.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of the Port Security Grant Program is to support efforts for port security at critical national seaports in the area of enhanced facility and operational security.

The Port Security Grant Program will fund projects in the Enhanced Facility and Operational Security Category. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is coordinating with the Maritime Administration and the U.S. Coast Guard in this effort. Applications may be submitted by critical national seaports/terminals/U.S. passenger vessels as specified in the Request for Applications. Authority for this program is contained in the FY 2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act for Further Recovery From and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States,