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Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

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Local Notices to Mariners—Changes in Distribution Methods

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is changing the way in which we make Local Notices to Mariners available to the public. We will continue to publish electronic versions of these notices and make them available free of charge via the Internet, but we will no longer print and mail copies of each notice.

DATES: This change takes effect April 1, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Although we are not requesting them, you may make comments on this change. To make sure that your comments and related material are not entered more than once in the docket, please submit them by only one of the following means:

(1) Electronically through the Web site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

(2) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, (USCG-2004-17080), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

(4) By delivery to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and material received

from the public will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information about the substance of this notice, contact Mr. Frank Parker, Office of Aids to Navigation, Commandant (G-OPN), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington DC 20593; telephone (202) 267-0358, fax (202) 267-4222, e-mail fparker@comdt.uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Andrea M. Jenkins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-0271.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard has statutory and treaty obligations to make navigation information available to the public. Local Notices to Mariners (LNMs) are our primary means for communicating information pertaining to individual Coast Guard Districts. LNMs provide important safety information that is available nowhere else, and are distributed free of charge to subscribers. However, the cost of printing and mailing LNMs has become prohibitive. Technology now allows us to provide LNMs in a more timely and less costly manner via the Internet. The Coast Guard has published electronic (Internet) LNMs successfully for several years. Electronic LNMs appear on the Coast Guard Navigation Center's Web site at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/lnm/default.htm>. Recently, we revised our Aids to Navigation (ATON) Manual (COMDTINST M16500.7) to authorize elimination of printed LNMs. The last printed LNMs will be distributed April 1, 2004.

LNMs are referred to in two Coast Guard regulations, 33 CFR 62.21 and 33 CFR subpart 72.01. They relate to Coast Guard agency management and, under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 551 *et seq.*), they can be amended without public notice and comment. We expect to revise these regulations to eliminate obsolete references to print distribution, as part of our forthcoming 2004 technical amendments to Title 33 of the CFR. Moreover, insofar as these regulations pertain to LNMs, they are general policy statements without binding effect either on the public or on the Coast Guard. We intend the present Notice, along with the notices we will convey directly to our LNM print and electronic subscribers, to inform the

public of the Coast Guard policy change eliminating printed distribution of LNMs, which was effected through revision of our ATON Manual.

Dated: February 20, 2004.

Jeffrey J. Hathaway,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Operations Policy.

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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, Response Division, Department of Homeland Security.

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 revision of a currently approved collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seek comments concerning the EMI Independent Study Course Enrollment Application.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Act Pub. L. 93-288, as amended authorize training programs for emergency preparedness. The information obtained from the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) form will be used for independent study course enrollment and to provide course materials to applicants. Applicants can select as many courses as they want, but they will be actively enrolled in only one course at a time. When applicants complete each course with a passing score, new course material from the course menu selection will be sent to applicants.

Collection of Information

Title: EMI Independent Study Course Enrollment Application.

Type of Information Collection: Revision of a currently approved collection.

OMB Number: 1660-0046.

Form Numbers: 95-23.