

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the SAB Conference Center, located at 1025 F Street, NW., Room 3705, Washington, DC 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Members of the public who wish to obtain further information about this meeting may contact Dr. Angela Nugent, Designated Federal Officer (DFO). Dr. Nugent may be contacted at the EPA Science Advisory Board (1400F), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; or via telephone/voice mail; (202) 343-9981; fax (202) 233-0643; or e-mail at nugent.angela@epa.gov. General information about the EPA SAB, as well as any updates concerning the meeting announced in this notice, may be found on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the SAB Expert Elicitation Advisory Panel will hold a public meeting to review EPA's draft *Expert Elicitation Task Force White Paper*. The SAB was established by 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific and technical advice to the Administrator on the technical basis for Agency positions and regulations. The SAB is a Federal Advisory Committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

Background: EPA's Science Policy Council (SPC) formed the Expert Elicitation Task Force in April of 2005 to initiate a thorough discussion of Expert Elicitation, and to investigate how to conduct and use this method to support EPA regulatory and non-regulatory analyses and decision-making. The Task Force, with representation across EPA program offices and Regions, developed the *Expert Elicitation Task Force White Paper*. The White Paper discusses the potential utility of using expert elicitation to support EPA regulatory and non-regulatory analyses and decision-making, provides recommendations for expert elicitation "good practices" based on a review of the literature and actual experience within EPA and other federal agencies and describes steps for a broader application across EPA. EPA's Office of the Science Advisor has requested SAB review of EPA's draft *Expert Elicitation Task Force White Paper* to provide advice regarding the potential usefulness of expert elicitation, how to

strengthen the scientific basis for its use, and the implications for possible implementation at EPA.

EPA's Science Advisory Board Staff Office formed the SAB Expert Elicitation Advisory Panel after announcing the advisory activity in the **Federal Register** on June 28, 2007 (72 FR 35463-35465) and requesting nominations of experts. Information on the panel and the advisory activities can be found on the SAB Web site at http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedrgstr_activites/Expert%20Elicitation%20White%20Paper?OpenDocument. Availability of Meeting Materials: EPA's draft *Expert Elicitation Task Force White Paper* will be posted on the EPA Office of Science Advisor Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/osa/spc/expertelicitation>. The EPA technical contact for the draft *Expert Elicitation Task Force White Paper* is Mr. Robert Hetes, EPA Office of Research and Development. Mr. Hetes may be contacted by telephone at (919) 541-1589, or via e-mail at hetes.bob@epa.gov. The agenda and other material for the upcoming public meeting will be posted on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for the SAB Panel to consider on the topics included in this advisory activity and/or group conducting the activity. **Oral Statements:** In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public meeting will be limited to five minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of one hour for all speakers. Interested parties should contact Dr. Nugent, DFO, in writing (preferably via e-mail) at the contact information noted above, by February 18, 2009 to be placed on a list of public speakers for the meeting. **Written Statements:** Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office by February 18, 2009 so that the information may be made available to the SAB Panel members for their consideration. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF, WordPerfect, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format). Submitters are asked to provide versions of each document submitted with and without signatures, because the SAB Staff Office does not publish documents with signatures on its Web sites.

Accessibility: For information on access or services for individuals with

disabilities, please contact Dr. Nugent at the phone number or e-mail address noted above, preferably at least ten days prior to the meeting to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: January 23, 2009.

Anthony F. Maciorowski,

Deputy Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreements Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreements under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties may submit comments on agreements to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within ten days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**. Copies of agreements are available through the Commission's Web site (<http://www.fmc.gov>) or contacting the Office of Agreements at (202) 523-5793 or tradeanalysis@fmc.gov.

Agreement No.: 012044-001.

Title: MOL/CMA CGM Slot Charter Agreement.

Parties: CMA CGM, S.A. and Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd.

Filing Party: Robert B. Yoshitomi, Esq.; Nixon Peabody, LLP; Gas Company Tower; 555 West Fifth Street, 46th Floor; Los Angeles, CA 90013.

Synopsis: The amendment adds the ports of Seattle and Tacoma to the geographic scope of the agreement.

Agreement No.: 012061.

Title: CMA CGM/Maersk Line Space Charter, Sailing and Cooperative Working Agreement Western Mediterranean-U.S. East Coast.

Parties: CMA CGM, S.A. and A.P. Moller-Maersk A/S.

Filing Party: Wayne R. Rohde, Esq.; Sher and Blackwell, LLP; 1850 M Street, NW.; Suite 900; Washington, DC 20036.

Synopsis: The agreement authorizes the parties to share vessel space in the trade between U.S. East Coast ports and ports in the Western Mediterranean.

Agreement No.: 201200.

Title: Houston Marine Terminal Operators/Freight Handlers Agreement.

Parties: Ceres Gulf, Inc.; Chaparral Stevedoring Company of Texas, Inc.; CT Stevedoring, Inc. dba Cooper/T. Smith Stevedoring Co.; Ports America Texas, Inc.; GP Terminals, LLC; Shippers Stevedoring Company; and SSA Gulf, Inc.

Filing Party: Deanna E. Rose, Esq.; Manelli Denison and Selter, PLLC; 2000

M Street, NW.; 7th Floor; Washington, DC 20036–3307.

Synopsis: The agreement authorizes the parties to meet, discuss, and voluntarily agree on matters of common interest at the Port of Houston (the Port), including recommended rates and charges to be published in the Port's tariffs. The parties request expedited review.

Dated: January 23, 2009.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Karen V. Gregory,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The applications also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be

conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than February 23, 2009.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Ivan Hurwitz, Bank Applications Officer) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045–0001:

1. *Max Bancorp, LLC*, New York, New York, to become a bank holding company by acquiring at least 50 percent of the voting shares of Allegiance Community Bank, South Orange, New Jersey.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 26, 2009.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Agency Information Collection Request: 60-Day Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

Agency Information Collection

Request: 60-Day Public Comment Request.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of a proposed information collection request for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the

proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden. To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and OS document identifier, to Sherette.funncoleman@hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (202) 690–6162. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be directed to the OS Paperwork Clearance Officer at the above e-mail address within 60 days.

Proposed Project: Public Health Service Polices on Research Misconduct (42 CFR Part 93)—OMB No. 0937–0198—Extension—Office of Resource Integrity.

Abstract: This is a request to extend the currently approved collection. The purpose of the Annual Report on Possible Research Misconduct (Annual Report) form is to provide data on the amount of research misconduct activity occurring in institutions conducting PHS supported research. In addition this provides an annual assurance that the institution has established and will follow administrative policies and procedures for responding to allegations of research misconduct that comply with the Public Health Service (PHS) Policies on Research Misconduct (42 CFR Part 93). Research misconduct is defined as receipt of an allegation of research misconduct and/or the conduct of an inquiry and/or investigation into such allegations. These data enable the ORI to monitor institutional compliance with the PHS regulation. Lastly, the form will be used to respond to congressional requests for information to prevent misuse of Federal funds and to protect the public interest.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN TABLE

Forms (if necessary)	Type of respondent	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
PHS–6349	Awardee Institutions	5246	1	6/60	525