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Those who plan to participate may contact the meeting coordinator, Mr. James Bull, by email at James.T.Bull@uscg.mil, by phone at (202) 372-1144, or in writing at 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE Stop 7509, Washington, DC 20593-7509 prior to the meeting with any questions. Members of the public needing reasonable accommodation should advise Mr. Bull not later than May 18, 2021. Requests made after that date will be considered, but might not be possible to fulfill.

Additional information regarding this and other IMO public meetings may be found at: <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/IMO>.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 11400]

Notice of Shipping Coordinating Committee Meeting in Preparation for International Maritime Organization MEPC 76 Meeting

The Department of State will conduct an open meeting of the Shipping Coordinating Committee at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 3, 2021, by way of teleconference. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the seventy sixth session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 76) to be held virtually from Thursday, June 10, 2021 to Friday, June 11, 2021, and from Monday, June 14, 2021 to Thursday, June 17, 2021.

Members of the public may participate up to the capacity of the teleconference phone line, which will handle 500 participants. To access the teleconference line, participants should call (202) 475-4000 and use Participant Code: 138 541 34#.

The agenda items to be considered at the advisory committee mirror those to be considered at MEPC 76, and include:

- Adoption of the agenda
- Decisions of other bodies
- Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments
- Harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water
- Air pollution prevention

- Energy efficiency of ships
- Reduction of GHG emissions from ships
- Follow-up work emanating from the Action Plan to address marine plastic litter from ships
- Pollution prevention and response
- Reports of other sub-committees
- Technical cooperation activities for the protection of the marine environment
- Work programme of the Committee and subsidiary bodies
- Any other business
- Consideration of the report of the Committee

Please note: the IMO may, on short notice, adjust the MEPC 76 agenda to accommodate the constraints associated with the virtual meeting format. Any changes to the agenda will be reported to those who RSVP and those in attendance at the meeting.

Those who plan to participate may contact the meeting coordinator, LT Jessica Anderson, by email at Jessica.P.Anderson@uscg.mil, by phone at (202) 372-1376, or in writing at 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Stop 7509, Washington DC 20593-7509. Members of the public needing reasonable accommodation should advise LT Anderson not later than May 27, 2021. Requests made after that date will be considered, but might not be possible to fulfill.

Additional information regarding this and other IMO public meetings may be found at: <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/IMO>.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2021-0040]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on March 22, 2021, the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad (NOPB), petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 240, Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers, and part 242, Qualification and Certification of

Conductors. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2021-0040.

The relief is requested as part of NOPB's proposed implementation of and participation in FRA's Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C³RS) Program. NOPB seeks to shield reporting employees and the railroad from mandatory punitive sanctions that would otherwise arise as provided in 49 CFR 240.117(e)(1)-(4); 240.305(a)(1)-(4) and (a)(6); 240.307; 242.403(b), (c), (e)(1)-(4), (e)(6)-(11), (f)(1)-(2); and 242.407. The C³RS Program encourages certified operating crew members to report close calls and protects the employees and the railroad from discipline or sanctions arising from the incidents reported per the C³RS Implementing Memorandum of Understanding.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- **Website:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- **Fax:** 202-493-2251.
- **Mail:** Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- **Hand Delivery:** 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by May 27, 2021 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits