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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

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#### Great Lakes Ballast Water Conference and Regional Waterways Management Forum

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of conference and meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Great Lakes Regional Waterways Management Forum will sponsor a conference on ballast water issues on September 27, 2006, and will hold a meeting the following day to address waterways management issues in the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway. The conference and meeting are open to the public, but registration is required for the conference due to limited seating.

**DATES:** The Great Lakes Ballast Water Conference will be held September 27, 2006, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Great Lakes Regional Waterways Forum will meet September 28, 2006, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Both the conference and meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 777 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Registration information for the conference should be mailed to Commander (dpw-1), Ninth Coast Guard District, 1240 E. 9th Street, Room 2069, Cleveland, OH 44199, or faxed to 216-902-6059.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions regarding this notice, call LT Regan Blomshield (dpw-1), Ninth Coast Guard District, telephone (216) 902-6050. Persons with disabilities requiring assistance to attend the conference or meeting should call LT Blomshield. To view the latest, detailed agenda for both the Ballast Water Conference and the Regional Waterways Management Forum, visit the USCG Web site: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/mso/estandards.htm>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Registration and Participation:** Registration for the conference is required due to limited seating. To register, please mail or fax your name, position title, organization, address,

phone and e-mail on an 8.5 x 11 inch piece of paper with a subject line "Conference Registration" to Commander (dpw-1), Ninth Coast Guard District, 1240 E. 9th Street, Room 2069, Cleveland, OH 44199. Registration may be faxed to 216-902-6059.

The public will have an opportunity to address the Forum members at the meeting on September 28. If you wish to be included in the Forum agenda, you must submit your request on or before September 18, 2006 to be considered.

Any written comments or requests should be submitted to Commander (dpw-1), Ninth Coast Guard District, 1240 E. 9th Street, Room 2069, Cleveland, OH 44199. Requests may be faxed to 216-902-6059 with the subject line: GL Waterways Forum. There is no guarantee that all requests will be included in the agenda.

**Conference and Forum Meeting:** The Great Lakes Waterways Management Forum is composed of senior leadership from U.S. and Canadian government agencies, the marine transportation industry, and non-government organizations. The Forum meets twice a year to identify and improve waterways management issues that involve the Great Lakes region. The 1-day conference is dedicated to the Great Lakes Ballast Water Conference, "Targeting Ballast Water Technology." The Ballast Water Conference will include speakers from industry, government and non-government organizations. Speakers will address the current development of ballast water treatment research, technology and protocol standards for preventing the introduction of aquatic invasive species into the Great Lakes.

The Forum meeting on September 28 will highlight current efforts of the Committee on Advanced Technology for Navigation Safety, including industry and government speakers on developing navigation technology, Automatic Identification Systems (AIS), and Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS). The Forum will also provide updates from the Canadian Coast Guard, Transport Canada, U.S. Coast Guard, NOAA and the Army Corps of Engineers on regional projects and operations.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5044-N-15]

### Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP)

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* October 30, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/or OMB Control number and should be sent to: Aneita Waites, Reports Liaison Officer, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4116, Washington, DC 20410-5000; e-mail [Aneita\\_L\\_Waites@HUD.gov](mailto:Aneita_L_Waites@HUD.gov). This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents may be obtained from Ms. Waites.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Aneita Waites, (202) 708-0713, extension 4114, for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents. (This is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended). This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including