

DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice No. 3213]****Shipping Coordinating Committee, Subcommittee for the Prevention of Marine Pollution; Meeting Notice**

The Subcommittee for the Prevention of Marine Pollution, a subcommittee of the Shipping Coordinating Committee, will conduct an open meeting on Tuesday, February 29, 2000, at 9:30 AM in Room 2415, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC.

The purpose of this meeting will be to review the agenda items to be considered at the forty-fourth session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 44) and the agenda items of the Conference on International Co-operation on Preparedness and Response to Pollution Incidents by Hazardous and Noxious Substances (the Conference) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). MEPC 44 and the Conference will be held in conjunction with each other from March 6–15, 2000. Proposed U.S. positions on the agenda items for MEPC 44 and the Conference will be discussed.

The major items for discussion for MEPC 44 will begin at 9:30 AM and include the following:

- a. Harmful effects of the use of anti-fouling paints for ships;
- b. Harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water;
- c. Inadequacy of reception facilities;
- d. Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments;
- e. Identification and protection of Special Areas and Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas;
- f. Prevention of air pollution from ships;
- g. Interpretation and amendments of MARPOL 73/78 and related Codes;
- h. Promotion of implementation and enforcement of MARPOL 73/78 and related Codes; and
- i. Recycling of ships.

At the conclusion of the MEPC 44 discussion, the major item for the Conference, "Consideration and adoption of the Protocol on Preparedness, Response and Co-operation to Pollution Incidents by Hazardous and Noxious Substances, 2000," will be discussed.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. For further information or documentation pertaining to the meeting, contact Lieutenant Commander John Meehan, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters (G-MSO-4), 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001; Telephone: (202) 267-2714.

Dated: February 3, 2000.

Stephen M. Miller,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee.

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY**Establishment of Regional Resource Stewardship Council**

Notice is hereby given that, in consultation with the General Services Administration, it has been determined that the establishment of an advisory committee on the Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) public resource management activities is necessary and in the public interest. Accordingly, TVA has chartered the Regional Resource Stewardship Council (RRSC).

The public resource management activities that will be addressed by the RRSC include the operations of TVA's dams and reservoirs, navigation, flood control, the management of public lands, as well as water quality, wildlife, and recreation. As competition for finite natural resources grows, fulfilling TVA's integrated resource stewardship mission will require increased cooperation with the other public agencies and private entities that have responsibilities for and interest in the use and conservation of the region's natural resources. It is in TVA's interest and the interest of the public it serves to establish a mechanism for routinely obtaining the views and advice of the citizens, public agencies, and private entities involved in and affecting natural resources stewardship.

All TVA stewardship activities entail the selection of priorities among competing objectives and values. TVA has many loyal and committed stakeholder groups and private citizens, each dedicated to seeing that TVA provides the public benefits that they have come to expect. TVA anticipates that the RRSC will provide a mechanism to help develop consensus views and resolve competing interests to the benefit of the public.

In order to attain a diverse and balanced membership, the RRSC will consist of up to 20 members appointed by the TVA Board of Directors as follows:

- 7 persons nominated by the Governors of the Tennessee river Valley States (one each by the Governors of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia);
- At least 4 members representing distributors of TVA power;

- At least 1 member representing each of the following interests: a direct-served customer of TVA, a beneficiary of TVA's navigation program, a beneficiary of TVA's flood control program, a recreational interest, and an environmental interest; and

- Up to 4 additional members to ensure a balanced representative of a broad range of views.

The RRSC will function solely as an advisory body and in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Its charter is being filed at this time in accordance with approval by the General Service Administration Secretariat pursuant to 41 CFR 101-6.1015(a)(2).

For further information, please contact Kathryn J. Jackson, Executive Vice President, River System Operations and Environment, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee, 37902.

Authority: 41 CFR 101-6.1015(a).

Dated: February 3, 2000.

O.J. Zeringue,

President and Chief Operating Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Coast Guard**

[USCG-2000-6847]

Collection of Information by Agency Under Review by Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Coast Guard intends to request the approval of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the renewal of Information Collection Requests (ICRs). These ICRs comprise: 1. Request for Designation and Exemption of Oceanographic Research Vessel, 2. Oil Record Book for Ships, and 3. Vessel Identification System. Before submitting the ICRs to OMB, the Coast Guard is asking for comments on the collections described below.

DATES: Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before April 11, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to the Docket Management System (DMS) [USCG-2000-6847], U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, or deliver them to room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address