

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Coast Guard****[USCG-2000-8079]****Setting the Environmental Agenda of the Coast Guard for Oil Pollution—Prevention, Preparedness, and Response—in the 21st Century****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard announces the availability of the Risk Assessment it conducted to help set its environmental agenda for oil spill prevention, preparedness and response in the 21st century. We request your comments on the Assessment.

**DATES:** Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before February 3, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** 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) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, (USCG-2000-8079), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) 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.

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

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

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and material received from the public, as well as the draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA), 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, including the PEA, on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions on this notice, or the associated risk assessment, call Commander David Lersch, U.S. Coast Guard, telephone (202) 267-0421. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Dorothy

Beard, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-5149.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Request for Comments**

We encourage you to submit comments and related material on the Risk Assessment. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this notice (USCG-2000-8079) and give the reasons for each comment. You may submit your comments and material by mail, hand delivery, fax, or electronic means to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**; but please submit your comments and material by only one means. If you submit them by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

**Proposed Action**

The Coast Guard has completed the first phase of the risk assessment it initiated during the fall of 2000 to help set its environmental agenda for oil pollution prevention, preparedness and response in the 21st century. One element of this study was the results of the Public Meeting held at Coast Guard Headquarters on December 12, 2000. We published a notice of this meeting and request for comments in the **Federal Register** on October 18, 2000 (65 FR 62408).

This project contains several elements addressing concept development, risk characterization and issue identification. The first portion identifies the nature and frequency of spills from key sources and determines how the sources and causes may vary in the next decade. The second portion analyzes the impacts associated with each source category. Together these two portions produce a risk characterization by source category. The last section provides an assessment of the overall effectiveness of various prevention, preparedness and response measures in mitigating the threat posed by the various source categories.

The Coast Guard is seeking public comment on the results of this study to help guide its planning for follow-on management analysis.

The assessment is located online at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/mor/morgmor1new.htm>.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

**[Docket Nos. FMCSA-99-5578, FMCSA-99-6156, FMCSA-99-6480, FMCSA-2000-7006, FMCSA-2000-7165, and FMCSA-2000-8203]**

**Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision**

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of exemption; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice publishes the FMCSA's decision to renew the exemptions from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for 16 individuals.

**DATES:** This decision is effective November 9, 2002. Comments from interested persons should be submitted by December 4, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** You can mail or deliver comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You can also submit comments at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Please include the docket numbers that appear in the heading of this document in your submission. You can examine and copy this document and all comments received at the same Internet address or at the Dockets Management Facility from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you want us to notify you that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Sandra Zywockarte, Office of Bus and Truck Standards and Operations, (202) 366-2987, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Exemption Decision**

Under 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e), the FMCSA may renew an exemption