

The Committee

The Area Maritime Security Committee, Southeastern New England (AMSC), is established under, and governed by, 33 CFR part 103, subpart C. The functions of the Committee include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) Identifying critical port infrastructure and operations.
- (2) Identifying risks (i.e., threats, vulnerabilities, and consequences).
- (3) Determining strategies and implementation methods for mitigation.
- (4) Developing and describing the process for continuously evaluating overall port security by considering consequences and vulnerabilities, how they may change over time, and what additional mitigation strategies can be applied.
- (5) Advising and assisting the Captain of the Port in developing, reviewing, and updating the Area Maritime Security Plan under 33 CFR part 103, subpart E.

Positions Available on the Committee

There are 2 vacancies on the Committee. Members may be selected from—

- (1) The Federal, Territorial, or Tribal government;
- (2) The State government and political subdivisions of the State;
- (3) Local public safety, crisis management, and emergency response agencies;
- (4) Law enforcement and security organizations;
- (5) Maritime industry, including labor;
- (6) Other port stakeholders having a special competence in maritime security; and
- (7) Port stakeholders affected by security practices and policies.

In support of the Coast Guard's policy on gender and ethnic diversity, we encourage qualified women and members of minority groups to apply.

Qualification of Members

Members must have at least 5 years of experience related to maritime or port security operations. Applicants may be required to pass an appropriate security background check before appointment to the Committee.

The term of office for each vacancy is 5 years. However, a member may serve one additional term of office. Members are not salaried or otherwise compensated for their service on the Committee.

Format of Applications

Applications for membership may be in any format. However, because

members must demonstrate an interest in the security of the area covered by the Committee, we particularly encourage the submission of information highlighting experience in maritime or security matters.

Authority

Section 102 of the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-295) (the Act) authorizes the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating to establish Area Maritime Security Committees for any port area of the United States. See 33 U.S.C. 1226; 46 U.S.C. 70112(a)(2); 33 CFR 1.05-1, 6.01; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1. The Act exempts Area Maritime Security Committees from the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-436, 86 Stat. 470, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Dated: December 7, 2006.

Roy A. Nash,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Sector Southeastern New England.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2006-26560]

National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Minerals Management Service, in concert with representatives from various State governments, industry, environmental interest groups, and the general public, developed the National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP) Guidelines to reflect the consensus agreement of the entire oil spill response community. This notice announces the PREP triennial exercise cycle for 2007 through 2009, requests comments from the public, and requests industry participants to volunteer for scheduled PREP Area exercises.

DATES: Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before February 27, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number USCG-2006-26560 to the

Docket Management Facility at the U.S. Department of Transportation. To avoid duplication, please use only one of the following methods:

- (1) Web Site: <http://dms.dot.gov>.
- (2) Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- (3) Fax: 202-493-2251.
- (4) Delivery: 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, or need general information regarding the PREP or the triennial exercise schedule, contact Lieutenant Damon Sanders, Office of Contingency Exercises and Training (CG-3RPE), U.S. Coast Guard, telephone (202) 372-2151, or e-mail Damon.C.Sanders@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Ms. Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-493-0402.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation and Request for Comments

We encourage you to respond to this notice by submitting comments and related materials. All comments received will be posted, without change, to <http://dms.dot.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided. We have an agreement with the Department of Transportation (DOT) to use the Docket Management Facility. Please see DOT's "Privacy Act" paragraph below.

Submitting comments: If you submit a comment, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this notice (USCG-2006-26560), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. You may submit your comments and material by electronic means, mail, fax, or delivery 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 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 that 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. We may change this triennial exercise schedule as well as other elements of the PREP in view of them.

Viewing comments and documents:

To view comments, as well as documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time and conduct a simple search using the last five digits of the docket number. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in 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.

Privacy Act: Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the Department of Transportation's Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Background and Purpose

In 1994, the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) of the Department of

Transportation, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Minerals Management Service (MMS) of the Department of the Interior, coordinated the development of the PREP Guidelines to provide guidelines for compliance with the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) pollution response exercise requirements (33 U.S.C. 1321(j)). The guiding principles for PREP distinguish between internal and external exercises. Internal exercises are conducted within the planholder's organization. External exercises extend beyond the planholder's organization to involve other members of the response community. External exercises are separated into two categories: Area exercises, and Government-initiated, unannounced exercises. External exercises are designed to evaluate the entire pollution response mechanism in a given geographic area to ensure adequate response preparedness.

A National Schedule Coordination Committee (NSCC) was established for scheduling Area exercises. The NSCC is comprised of personnel representing the four Federal regulating agencies—the USCG, EPA, MMS, and PHMSA's Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS). Since 1994, the NSCC has published a triennial schedule of area exercises. Area exercises involve the entire response

community including Federal, State, local, tribal, and non-government organizations, and industry participants; therefore, these area exercises require more extensive planning than other oil spill response exercises. The PREP Guidelines describe all of these exercises in more detail.

Source for PREP Documents

The Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP) Area exercise schedule and exercise design manuals are available on the Internet at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/nswfweb/nswfcc/prep/federalregister.html>. To obtain a hard copy of the exercise design manual, contact Ms. Melanie Barber at the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Office of Pipeline Safety at 202-366-4560. Instructions for ordering the 2002 PREP Guidelines booklet are available on the Internet at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/nswfweb/nswfcc/prep/federalregister.html>. The stock number of the manual is USCG-X0241. Please indicate the quantity when ordering. Quantities are limited to 10 per order.

PREP Schedule

Table 1 below lists the dates and **Federal Register** cites of past PREP exercise notices.

TABLE 1.—PAST PREP EXERCISE NOTICES

Date published	Federal Register Cite	Notice
January 3, 2006	71 FR 124	PREP triennial exercise schedule for 2006, 2007, and 2008.
September 21, 2004	69 FR 56445	PREP triennial exercise schedule for 2005, 2006, and 2007.
February 5, 2004	69 FR 5562	Revision to PREP triennial exercise schedule for 2004, 2005, and 2006.
October 16, 2003	68 FR 59627	PREP triennial exercise schedule for 2004, 2005, and 2006.
October 30, 2002	67 FR 66189	PREP triennial exercise schedule for 2003, 2004, and 2005.
January 22, 2002	67 FR 2944	PREP triennial exercise schedule for 2002, 2003, and 2004.
February 9, 2001	66 FR 9744	PREP triennial exercise schedule for 2001, 2002, and 2003.
March 7, 2000	65 FR 12049	PREP triennial exercise schedule for 2000, 2001, and 2002.
June 15, 1999	64 FR 32090	PREP triennial exercise schedule for 1999, 2000, and 2001.
January 8, 1998	63 FR 1141	PREP triennial exercise schedule for 1998, 1999, and 2000.
March 26, 1997	62 FR 14494	PREP triennial exercise schedule for 1997, 1998, and 1999.
January 26, 1996	61 FR 2568	Correction to PREP triennial exercise schedule for 1996, 1997, and 1998.
November 13, 1995	60 FR 57050	PREP triennial exercise schedule for 1996, 1997, and 1998.
October 26, 1994	59 FR 53858	Revision to PREP triennial exercise schedule for 1995, 1996, and 1997.
March 25, 1994	59 FR 14254	PREP triennial exercise schedule for 1995, 1996, and 1997.

This notice announces the next triennial schedule of area exercises. The PREP schedule for calendar years 2007, 2008, and 2009 for Government-led and Industry-led Area exercises is available on the Internet at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/nsfweb/nsfcc/prep/federalregister.html>. If a company wants to volunteer for an Area exercise, a company representative may call either the Coast Guard or EPA on-scene coordinator where the exercise is scheduled.

If you have concerns or recommended improvements to the Government-led PREP exercises, please submit those using the procedures described under the ADDRESSES section of this notice.

Dated: December 22, 2006.

C.E. Bone,

Assistant Commandant for Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

National Communications System

[Docket No. NCS-2006-0008]

National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee

AGENCY: National Communications System, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC) schedule of 2007 meetings.

DATES: By teleconference on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Also by teleconference on Thursdays; March 29, June 14, and September 27, 2007, from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. In person on Thursday, April 26, 2007, from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: For access to the January 16, 2007, conference bridge and meeting materials, contact Mr. William Fuller at (703) 235-5521, or by e-mail at William.C.Fuller@dhs.gov by 5 p.m. on Friday, January 12, 2007. If you desire to submit comments pertaining to the January 16, 2007, meeting, they must be submitted by January 9, 2007. If you desire to submit comments for subsequent 2007 meetings, they may be submitted following the publication of specific meeting details in the **Federal Register**. Comments for the January 16, 2007, meeting must be identified by docket number NCS-2006-0008 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- E-mail: NSTAC1@dhs.gov. Include docket number in the subject line of the message.

- Mail: Office of the Manager, National Communications System (N5), Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20529.

- Fax: 866-466-5370

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and NCS-2006-0008, the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received by the NSTAC, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kiesha Gebreyes, Chief, Industry Operations Branch at (703) 235-5525, e-mail: Kiesha.Gebreyes@dhs.gov or write the Deputy Manager, National Communications System, Department of Homeland Security, CS&T/NCS/N5.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NSTAC advises the President on issues and problems related to implementing national security and emergency preparedness telecommunications policy. Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Pub. L. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.).

At the January 16, 2007, meeting, the NSTAC members will receive comments from their DHS stakeholders related to National Security/Emergency Preparedness communications issues. The committee will also discuss and vote on the NSTAC's Emergency Communications and Interoperability Task Force Report, and discuss the work of the International Task Force.

The 2007 NSTAC work plan focuses on National Security/Emergency Preparedness communications issues related to emergency communications and interoperability, influenza pandemic planning, telecommunications and electric power interdependency, the National Coordinating Center, the legislative and regulatory landscape, and international concerns. For meetings subsequent to January 16, 2007; meeting agendas, meeting details, and information regarding arrangements for persons with disabilities will be published no later than 15 calendar days before the meeting.

Persons with disabilities who require special assistance for the January 16,

2007, meeting should indicate this when arranging access to the teleconference and are encouraged to identify anticipated special needs as early as possible.

Dated: December 20, 2006.

Peter M. Fonash,

Deputy Manager National Communications System.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

ACTION: 30-Day Notice of Information Collection under Review: Guarantee of Payment; Form I-510, OMB Control Number 1653-0024.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (USICE) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on October 23, 2006, 71 FR 62117, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received on this information collection.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until January 27, 2007. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). USICE, Office of Asset Management, Records Branch 425 I St., NW., room 1122, Washington, DC 20536. Comments may also be submitted to ICE via facsimile to 202-514-1867 or via e-mail at ICERecordsbranch@dhs.gov.

When submitting comments by e-mail please make sure to add OMB Control Number 1653-0024. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the