

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard**

[USCG-2004-19977]

Inspection of Towing Vessels**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments, and notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: In the recently enacted Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2004, the Congress directed the Coast Guard to add towing vessels to the list of vessels subject to inspections, and to consider the establishment of a safety management system appropriate for towing vessels. With this notice, we are seeking public and industry involvement as we consider how to proceed. The rulemaking process and its associated opportunity for public input will provide us with information on the extent of items to be considered for inclusion in any towing vessel inspection/safety management program(s).

DATES: Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before March 23, 2005. Public meetings will be held on the following dates in the following cities:

January 26, 2005, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

(noon), in Washington, DC; and

February 2, 2005, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

(noon), in Oakland, CA;

February 10, 2005, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

(noon), in New Orleans, LA;

February 17, 2005, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

(noon), in St. Louis, MO.

ADDRESSES: *Comments.* You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number USCG-2004-19977 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.

(5) Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Meetings. The meetings will be held at the following locations:

Washington, DC—DOT/Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Room 2230, Washington, DC 20590.

Oakland, CA—Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building, 1301 Clay Street, Third-Floor North-Tower Auditorium, Oakland, CA 94612.

New Orleans, LA—8th Coast Guard District, Hale Boggs Federal Building, 500 Poydras Street, Basement Conference Room, New Orleans, LA 70130.

St. Louis, MO—Robert A. Young Building, 1222 Spruce Street, Room 2.308 (Auditorium), St. Louis, MO 63103.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, contact Thomas Scott Kuhaneck, Domestic Vessel Compliance Division (G-MOC-1), U.S. Coast Guard, telephone 202-267-0240, or e-mail: TKuhaneck@comdt.uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Andrea M. Jenkins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-0271.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Public Participation and Request for Comments**

We encourage you to respond to our request for comments, 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" three paragraphs below.

Submitting comments: If you submit a comment, please include your name and address, identify docket number (USCG-2004-19977), indicate the specific question, 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.

Viewing comments and documents: To view comments, as well as documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time and conduct a simple search using 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>.

Public Meetings

We are intending to hold at least four public meetings regarding this notice on the inspection of towing vessels. The four scheduled meetings will be held—

- January 26, 2005, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Room 2230, Washington, DC 20590.

- February 2, 2005, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building, 1301 Clay Street, Third Floor, North Tower Auditorium, Oakland, CA 94612.

- February 10, 2005, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at 8th Coast Guard District, Hale Boggs Federal Building, 500 Poydras Street, Basement Conference Room, New Orleans, LA 70130.

- February 17, 2005, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Robert A. Young Building, 1222 Spruce Street, Room 2.308 (and 2.206—Auditorium), St. Louis, MO 63103.

To facilitate entry at a meeting site, provide the names of persons planning to attend the meeting and the company or organizations they represent to Thomas Scott Kuhaneck at the address under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** at least two days before the meeting.

Questions

We need the public's assistance in answering the following questions, and any additional information provided on this topic is welcome.

In responding to each question, please explain your reasons for each answer as specifically as possible so that we can carefully weigh the consequences and impacts of any future actions we may take.

(1) Towing vessels of a certain size (300 or more gross register tons) are already inspected vessels and are subject to a variety of existing requirements. Should the Coast Guard use any of these existing standards (or standards for other types of inspected

vessels) for incorporation into the new regulations regarding the inspection of towing vessels? If so, which regulations or standards should be incorporated into these new regulations?

(2) Title 46, United States Code, specifies the items covered with regard to inspected vessels including lifesaving, firefighting, hull, propulsion equipment, machinery and vessel equipment. However, the legislation that added towing vessels to the list of inspected vessels, authorized that the Coast Guard may prescribe different standards for towing vessels than for other types of inspected vessels. What, if any, different standards should be considered with regard to inspected towing vessel requirements from other inspected vessels?

(3) Towing vessels vary widely in terms of size, horsepower, areas of operation, and type of operation. Under what circumstances, if any, should a towing vessel be exempt from the requirements as an inspected vessel?

(4) Should existing towing vessels be given time to implement requirements, be "grandfathered" altogether from them, or should this practice vary from requirement to requirement?

(5) Should existing towing vessels be treated differently from towing vessels yet to be built?

(6) The same act that requires inspection of towing vessels authorizes the Coast Guard to develop a safety management system appropriate for the towing vessels. If such a system is developed, should its use be required for all inspected towing vessels?

(7) Examples of existing safety management systems include the international safety management (ISM) code and the American Waterways Operators Responsible Carrier Program. If a safety management system is used, what elements should be included in such a system?

Procedural

The meetings are open to the public. Security staff will compare the visitor's photo identification card with the names on the list of meeting attendees. Visitors will be escorted to and from the meeting rooms. Attendees may make oral presentations during the meeting. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Thomas Scott Kuhaneck at the address under **FOR**

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT as soon as possible.

Dated: December 27, 2004.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection, U.S. Coast Guard.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4901-N-53]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities to Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 30, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Ezzell, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7262, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: December 22, 2004.

Mark R. Johnston,

Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-100-05-1310-DB]

Notice of Meeting of the Pinedale Anticline Working Group's SocioEconomic Task Group

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (1976) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (1972), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG) Socioeconomic Task Group (subcommittee) will meet in Pinedale, Wyoming, for a business meeting. Task Group meetings are open to the public. **DATES:** A PAWG Socioeconomic Task Group meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2005, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The PAWG Socioeconomic Task Group meeting will be held in the Lovatt room of the Pinedale Library at 155 S. Tyler Ave., Pinedale, WY.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Allen, BLM/Socioeconomic TG Liaison, Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Rd., Cheyenne, WY 82009, or P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003; 307-775-6031.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG) was authorized and established with release of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Pinedale Anticline Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Project on July 27, 2000. The PAWG advises the BLM on the development and implementation of monitoring plans and adaptive management decisions as development of the Pinedale Anticline Natural Gas Field (PAPA) proceeds for the life of the field.

After the ROD was issued, Interior determined that a Federal Advisory Committees Act (FACA) charter was required for this group. The charter was signed by Secretary of the Interior, Gale Norton, on August 15, 2002, and renewed on August 13, 2004. An announcement of committee initiation and call for nominations was published in the **Federal Register** on February 21, 2003, (68 FR 8522). PAWG members were appointed by Secretary Norton on May 4, 2004.

At their second business meeting, the PAWG established seven resource- or activity-specific Task Groups, including one for Socioeconomics. Public