

small passenger vessels. The requirements affect small passenger vessels (under 100 gross tons) that carry more than 6 passengers.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 436,173 hours a year.

2. *Title:* Offshore Supply Vessels—46 CFR Subchapter L.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0592.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Owners and operators of vessels.

Form(s): N/A.

Abstract: The requirements for posting and marking aboard OSVs are necessary to instruct those aboard of what to do in an emergency. The recordkeeping requirements verify compliance with regulations without CG presence to witness routine matters.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 5,931 hours a year.

Frequency: On occasion.

3. *Title:* Customer Satisfaction Survey.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0625.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Recreational boaters, commercial mariners, industry groups, State and local governments.

Form(s): N/A.

Abstract: Putting people first means ensuring that the Federal Government provides the highest-quality service possible to the American people. Executive Order 12862 requires that all executive departments and agencies providing significant services directly to the public seek to meet established standards of customer service and—

- Identify the customers who are, or should be, served by the agency; and
- Survey customers to determine the kind and quality of services they want and their level of satisfaction with existing services.

4. *Title:* Nondestructive Testing of Certain Cargo Tanks on Unmanned Barges.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0563.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Owners of tank barges.

Form(s): N/A.

Abstract: The Coast Guard uses the results of nondestructive testing to evaluate the suitability of older pressure-vessel-type cargo tanks of unmanned barges to remain in service. Once every ten years it subjects such a tank, on an unmanned barge, 30 years old or older to nondestructive testing.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 84.5 hours a year.

5. *Title:* Station Bills for Manned Outer Continental Shelf Facilities.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0542.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Operators of facilities on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

Form(s): N/A.

Abstract: Station Bills aboard manned facilities on the OCS are necessary to promote safety of life on these facilities. They are an efficient means for disseminating information to all persons on these facilities regarding their duties, duty stations, and signals used during emergencies and drills.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 526 hours a year.

6. *Title:* Display of Fire Control Plans for Vessels.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0135.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Owners and Operators of vessels.

Form(s): N/A.

Abstract: This information collection is for the posting or display of specific plans on certain categories of commercial vessels. The availability of these plans aids firefighters and damage-control efforts in response to emergencies.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 798 hours a year.

7. *Title:* Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1995 Amendments.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0624.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Owners and operators of vessels, training institutions, and mariners.

Form(s): N/A.

Abstract: This information is necessary to ensure compliance with the international requirements of the STCW Convention, and to maintain an acceptable level of quality in activities associated with training and assessment of merchant mariners.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 18,331 hours a year.

8. *Title:* Plan Approval and Records for Foreign Vessels Carrying Oil in Bulk.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0106.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Owners and operators of vessels.

Form(s): N/A.

Abstract: The Coast Guard reviews plans and records to determine whether foreign tank vessels comply with applicable standards of design and construction.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 65 hours a year.

Dated: July 20, 2000.

Daniel F. Sheehan,

Director of Information and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG 2000-7689]

Acceptance by the Coast Guard of ASME's 1998 Boiler and Pressure-Vessel Code With 1999 Addenda

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of policy.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces its acceptance of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers' (ASME's) 1998 Boiler and Pressure-Vessel Code with 1999 Addenda. Although the revised allowable stresses employ a lower design margin for the tensile strength of the material than ASME's 1989 Boiler and Pressure-Vessel Code with 1989 Addenda, the lower margin is acceptable because of better quality control in materials production. This acceptance should reduce costs to industry with no loss of safety to the public.

DATES: Comments to the docket for this notice must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before September 29, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You may submit your written comments and related material to the docket [USCG 2000-7689] by only one of the following methods:

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

(2) By hand 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) By electronic means 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 documents, as indicated in this notice, 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 at the same address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through

Friday, except Federal holidays. You may electronically access the public docket for this notice on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice, contact Mr. Wayne Lundy or LT Ryan D. Manning, Systems Engineering Division (G-MSE-3), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, telephone 202-267-2206, fax 202-267-4816. For questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Ms. Dorothy Beard, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

We encourage you to participate by submitting comments and related material. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify the docket number [USCG 2000-7689], 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 mail, hand, 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, 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.

Background and Purpose

46 CFR part 52 incorporates by reference Section I of ASME's 1989 Boiler and Pressure-Vessel Code with 1989 Addenda. Likewise, 46 CFR part 54 incorporates by reference Division 1 of Section VIII of the same Code and Addenda. ASME publishes the Code every three years, and an Addendum every year, to reflect new industry standards, technological advances, and product improvements. If any edition of this Code published after 1989 or any Addendum published after then contains standards that you prefer to use instead of those already incorporated by reference, then you may apply for a waiver from Commandant (G-MSE) as referenced in 46 CFR 50.20-30. The Coast Guard proposes to update these incorporations by reference to let manufacturers use the 1998 Code with 1999 Addenda for construction of new boilers and pressure vessels.

The 1998 Code with 1999 Addenda reduces the design margins allowable for construction of new boilers and pressure vessels. The allowable stresses decrease from a margin of 4:1 to one of 3.5:1. Quality control in materials production has improved enough to make this lower margin acceptable. The lower margin in turn necessitates a decrease in requirements for the hydrostatic and pneumatic testing of pressure vessels to 1.3 times the maximum allowable working pressure (MAWP) and 1.1 times the MAWP, respectively. The requirement for the hydrostatic testing of power boilers, nevertheless, remains at 1.5 times the MAWP; however, at no time during the testing may any part of the boiler be subjected to a general primary membrane stress greater than 90 percent of its yield strength (0.2 percent offset) at the testing temperature.

We are working on a separate rule to update 46 CFR parts 52 and 54, and to incorporate by reference ASME's 1998 Boiler and Pressure-Vessel Code with 1999 Addenda. Until we do, though, the 1989 Code with 1989 Addenda remains the edition incorporated in both parts. If you choose to use the 1998 Code, you must comply with it and its 1999 Addenda in their entirety. You must meet all of the requirements and specifications set out in 46 CFR Tables 52.01-1(A) and 54.01-1(A), even if you use the 1998 Code. But, in either case, the design margins for independent type-C tank vessels and process pressure vessels described in 46 CFR part 154.450 must continue to satisfy the 1989 Code with 1989 Addenda.

Dated: July 24, 2000.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-2000-7670]

Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Advisory Committee (CFIVAC) will meet to discuss various issues relating to commercial fishing industry safety. The meetings are open to the public.

DATES: CFIVAC will meet on Tuesday, August 22, 2000, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00

p.m. and Wednesday on August 23, 2000 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. These meetings may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before August 14, 2000. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee should reach Coast Guard on or before August 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The CFIVAC meeting will be held in Room 2415, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second St. SW., Washington DC. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should be sent to Lieutenant Jennifer Williams, Commandant (G-MOC-3), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available on the Internet <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Captain Jon Sarubbi, Executive Director of CFIVAC, or Lieutenant Jennifer Williams, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone (202) 267-0507.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agenda of Meetings on August 22, 2000

Action Plan summary and Regional Listening Session Results—Summarize elements of the Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Action Plan (CFVSAP) that were presented during seven Regional Listening Sessions held around the nation and present feedback submitted by the public on the CFVSAP consisting of verbal and written comments to the Coast Guard, as well as survey results.

Recommendations for new commercial fishing vessel safety initiatives—Present Coast Guard recommendations for certain new commercial fishing vessel safety initiatives developed after the consideration of Regional Listening Session results and existing commercial fishing industry data was analyzed. Receive input from Advisory Committee on proposed recommendations and new initiatives.

Agenda of Meetings of CFIVAC on August 23, 2000

(1) *Subcommittee on Data and Analysis*—Subcommittee members to identify fishing vessel industry numerator and denominator data, recommend revision to existing data collection, and recommend changes to CG Form 2692.

(2) *Subcommittee on Regionalization*—Subcommittee