

Proposed Deepwater Port Background Information

The proposed Energy Bridge GOM Deepwater Port would deliver natural gas to the United States Gulf Coast using existing gas supply and gathering systems in the Gulf of Mexico and Louisiana. Gas would then be delivered to shippers using the national pipeline grid through interconnections with major interstate and intrastate pipelines.

The project would consist of a Submerged Turret Loading (STL) system that would be comprised of a submerged turret buoy; chains, lines, and anchors; a flexible riser; and a subsea manifold. A 20-inch seabed pipeline would be constructed as part of the project.

Liquified natural gas (LNG) would be transported on an El Paso Energy Bridge Vessel (EPEBV) from various sources worldwide. When the EPEBV, a conventional LNG tanker fitted with regasification equipment on board the vessel, reached the location of the Deepwater Port, it would retrieve and connect to the STL system. The submerged buoy would be raised from its subsurface location, and drawn into an opening in the hull of the vessel. After the buoy was attached to the vessel, the on-board LNG regasification process would commence. The gas would then be discharged through the buoy into the subsea flexible riser, to the manifold, and finally to the pipeline which would enable additional natural gas supplies to enter key domestic markets in the United States.

License Application Background Information

The Energy Bridge GOM Deepwater Port license application was submitted to the Secretary of Transportation on December 20, 2002. The license application calls for construction of the Energy Bridge GOM Deepwater Port in an area situated in the Central Area of the Gulf of Mexico, approximately 106 miles south of the Louisiana coastline, in West Cameron Area, South Addition, Block 603 (WC603). Additional information concerning the contents of the application can be found online at <http://dms.dot.gov> under docket number USCG-2003-14294, or in the notice of application published in the **Federal Register** at 68 FR 3299 (January 23, 2003). This public hearing is being held pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1504(g) to receive information relevant to the issuance or denial of the requisite federal license for the proposed Energy Bridge GOM Deepwater Port project.

Procedural

Any person who wishes may appear and speak or present evidence at this

public hearing. Persons planning to speak at the hearing should contact the U.S. Coast Guard as indicated in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, any time prior to the hearing, indicating the approximate amount of time required. Written statements and exhibits may be submitted in place of or in addition to oral statements and will be made a part of the hearing record. Written statements and exhibits may be delivered before or during the hearing, or they may be submitted for up to 45 days following the date of the hearing to the Docket Management Facility listed under **ADDRESSES**.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2003-16010]

International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution From Ships, Annex IV—International Sewage Pollution Prevention Equivalency Documentation

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of policy.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces that on September 27, 2003, the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 as modified by the Protocol of 1978 (MARPOL 73/78), (revised) Annex IV will enter into force internationally. The United States is not a Party to MARPOL 73/78, Annex IV, however, U.S. flagged vessels visiting nations that are parties may need to demonstrate compliance with these MARPOL regulations on the prevention of pollution by sewage from ships. The Coast Guard plans to assist qualified U.S. flag vessels in demonstrating compliance with these MARPOL requirements by issuing a document certifying equivalent compliance with the revised Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78. Failure of a United States flagged vessel to have the appropriate certificate or a document stating shipboard equivalency to MARPOL 73/78, Annex IV could result in a port state detention abroad.

DATES: The MARPOL 73/78, Annex IV international requirements come into force September 27, 2003, for new ships built on or after September 27, 2003. For existing vessels, these MARPOL international requirements come into force September 27, 2008.

ADDRESSES: For new vessels, requests for documentation certifying equivalent compliance with the revised Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78 should be sent to the local Officer-in-Charge, Marine Inspection. This notice and documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, are part of docket USCG-2003-16010 and are available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 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 on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions regarding this notice, you may call, fax, or e-mail Lieutenant Commander Brian Downey, Office of Compliance, (G-MOC-1): telephone 202-267-2735, fax 202-267-4394, e-mail BDowney@comdt.uscg.mil.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Starting September 27, 2003, certain U.S. flagged vessels visiting nations that are a party to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 as modified by the Protocol of 1978 (MARPOL 73/78), Annex IV (Sewage) ("MARPOL 73/78, Annex IV") may need to demonstrate compliance with MARPOL 73/78, (revised) Annex IV—regulations on the prevention of pollution by sewage from ships.

The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) has agreed to revisions to Annex IV. MEPC of IMO has asked Annex IV Parties to implement the revised Annex IV immediately on the entry into force of the existing Annex to avoid the creation of a dual treaty regime between the existing and the revised Annex IV.

Applicability

The MARPOL 73/78, (revised) Annex IV applies to all new vessels built on or after September 27, 2003, that are 400 Gross Tons (GT), International Tonnage Convention (ITC), or more and new vessels less than 400 GT ITC that are certified to carry more than 15 passengers. The Annex does not require existing vessels within these tonnage and passenger categories to comply until September 27, 2008. A copy of the text of the MARPOL 73/78, (revised) Annex IV, and a related MEPC circular

are available in the docket for this notice under **ADDRESSES**.

Equivalency Documentation

The U.S. Coast Guard plans to help the United States maritime industry demonstrate equivalent compliance with MARPOL 73/78, (revised) Annex IV to which the United States is not a Party. The United States considers a U.S. Coast Guard certified Marine Sanitation Device (MSD) to offer equivalent sewage pollution prevention to MSDs with an IMO Certificate of Type Test demonstrating compliance with the performance requirements of MARPOL 73/78, (revised) Annex IV. Therefore, any vessel with an installed and operational Coast Guard certified MSD which meets the criteria of 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 159 should be eligible to receive documentation certifying equivalent compliance with the revised Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78.

Because the United States is not a party to MARPOL 73/78, Annex IV, the Coast Guard cannot issue official international convention certificates as a Flag State. To facilitate commerce and reduce confusion, however, the Coast Guard plans to issue a Flag State document to demonstrate equivalent compliance with MARPOL 73/78, (revised) Annex IV for eligible vessels.

Dated: August 28, 2003.

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Acting Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: 30-day notice of information collection under review: Report of complaint; Form I-847.

The Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection 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 June 26, 2003, 68 FR 38084. The notice allowed for a

60-day public comment period. No public comments were received by the BCBP on this proposed 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 October 6, 2003. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Department of Homeland Security Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20530.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Report of Complaint.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Form I-847. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary; Individual or households. This form is used to establish a record of complaint, and to initiate an investigation of misconduct by an officer of the DHS.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 250 responses at 15 minutes (.25 hours) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 63 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan 202-514-3291, Director, Regulations and Forms Services Division, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Room 4034, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time may also be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan.

If additional information is required contact: Ms. Terry O'Malley, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Homeland Security, 7th & D Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20530, (202) 358-3571.

Dated: August 27, 2003.

Richard A. Sloan,

Department Clearance Officer, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, United States Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Interior, Office of the Secretary.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an upcoming meeting of the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463).

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Friday, September 12, 2003, Time 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESS: Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, 961 Marcon Blvd, Suite 310, Allentown, PA 18103.

The agenda for the meeting will focus on implementation of the Management Action Plan for the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor and State Heritage Park. The Commission was established to assist the