

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration published a notice of application in the **Federal Register** of May 20, 2004, for the Compass Port LLC Liquefied Natural Gas Deepwater Port. The notice designated Alabama as an adjacent coastal state but it did not include the designation of Mississippi as a second adjacent coastal state.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Commander Kevin Tone, Deepwater Ports Standards Division (G-MSO-5) at (202) 267-0226, or Mr. Keith Lesnick, Maritime Administration (MARAD) at (202) 366-1624.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of May 20, 2004, in FR Doc. 04-11391, on page 29143, in the first column, under the caption "Application procedure," correct the fifth sentence to read: "Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1508, we designate Alabama and Mississippi as adjacent coastal states for this application." This correction is based on the result of a reevaluation of a portion of the proposed pipeline near the Mississippi border with Alabama. Further investigation shows that the pipeline lies within 15 miles of the border, which as defined under the Deepwater Port Act of 1974, as amended, qualifies Mississippi as an adjacent coastal state.

Dated: June 15, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2001-9267]

Shipboard Technology Evaluation Program; Programmatic Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the availability of the draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) that evaluates the potential environmental impacts

resulting from the implementation of the Shipboard Technology Evaluation Program (STEP). The purpose of STEP is to facilitate the development of effective ballast water treatment technologies to protect U.S. waters against the unintentional introduction of nonindigenous species via ballast water discharges. STEP will create more options for vessels seeking alternatives to ballast water exchange as they manage their ballast water.

DATES: Comments and related materials must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before July 26, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number USCG-2001-9267 to the Docket management facility at the U.S. Department of Transportation. To avoid duplication, please use only one of the following methods:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility (USCG-2001-9267), U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001.

(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 will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying in Room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the above address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays. You may also view this docket, including this notice and comments, on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this program, or would like a copy of the PEA, call Mr. Bivan Patnaik, Project Manager at (202) 267-1744 or e-mail:

bpatnaik@comdt.uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Andrea M. Jenkins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-0271.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

We encourage you to submit comments and related materials on this

notice. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, this notice docket number (USCG-2001-9267), and the reasons for each comment. You may submit your comments and materials by mail, hand delivery, fax, or electronic means to the Docket Management Facility at the **ADDRESSES**. If you choose to submit them by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no longer than 8 1/2 by 11 inches, and suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know if they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and materials received during the comment period.

Programmatic Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (section 102(2)(c)), as implemented by the Council on Environment Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508) and Coast Guard Policy for Considering Environmental Impacts (COMDTINST M16475.1D), the Coast Guard has prepared a draft PEA to consider the environmental impacts of implementing STEP. The draft PEA identifies and examines those reasonable alternatives needed to effectively implement STEP. The draft PEA analyzes the no action alternative and two action alternatives that could fulfill the purpose and need of STEP. The draft PEA is a program document meant to provide a broad environmental review of a Federal agency's (Coast Guard) national program. In this case, the draft PEA provides a broad, general view of the potential environmental impacts that can be anticipated by implementing STEP. Specifically, the draft PEA considers potential effects to the natural and human environments including: Fish; marine mammals; invertebrates; microbes and plankton; submerged and emergent species; threatened and endangered species; essential fish habitats; and various socioeconomic resources. The draft PEA cannot foresee all possible specific operational sites or cumulative environmental impacts as a result of implementing any of the action alternatives. However, once specific operational sites and individual shipboard ballast water treatment technologies have been identified, these technologies will undergo a more specific environmental review (tiering). This environmental review of individual shipboard ballast water treatment technologies and specific operational sites will result in the issuance of either: (1) Categorical

Exclusion; (2) Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) after an Environmental Assessment (EA); or (3) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The purpose of this Notice of Availability is to inform the public, Federal, State, and local governments that the draft PEA is available for review and comment. Therefore, we are requesting your comments on environmental concerns you may have related to the draft PEA. This includes methodologies for use in the draft PEA or possible sources of data or information not included in the draft PEA. Your comments will be considered in preparing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and final PEA.

Dated: May 11, 2004.

Howard L. Hime,

Acting Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council; Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council is soliciting nominations for the Public Advisory Committee, which advises the Trustee Council on decisions related to the planning, evaluation, and conduct of injury assessment, restoration, long-term monitoring, and research activities using funds obtained as part of the civil settlement pursuant to the T/V Exxon Valdez oil spill of 1989. Public Advisory Committee members will be selected to serve a 24-month term beginning in October 2004.

DATES: All nominations should be received on or before July 20, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Executive Director, Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council, 441 West 5th Avenue, Suite 500, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2340 or by email to PAC Nominations, Executive Director, c/o Brenda Hall, brenda_hall@evostc.state.ak.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Mutter, Designated Federal Officer, Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, 1689 "C" Street, Suite 119, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, 907-271-5011; or Cherri Womac, Exxon Valdez

Oil Spill Trustee Council, 441 West 5th Avenue, Suite 500, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2340, 907-278-8012 or 800-478-7745. A copy of the charter for the Public Advisory Committee is available upon request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Public Advisory Committee was created by Paragraph V.A.4 of the Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree entered into by the United States of America and the State of Alaska on August 27, 1991, and approved by the United States District Court for the District of Alaska in settlement of *United States of America v. State of Alaska*, Civil Action No. A91-081 CV. The Public Advisory Committee was created to advise the Trustee Council on matters relating to decisions on injury assessment, restoration activities or other use of natural resources damage recoveries obtained by the governments.

The Trustee Council consists of representatives of the State of Alaska Attorney General; Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game; Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation; the Secretary of the Interior; the Secretary of Agriculture; and the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce. Appointment to the Public Advisory Committee will be made by the Secretary of the Interior with unanimous approval of the Trustees.

The Public Advisory Committee consists of 20 members representing the public at large and the following special interests: Aquaculture and mariculture, commercial fishing, commercial tourism, conservation and environmental, local government, Native land owners, Tribal government, recreation users, sport hunting and fishing, subsistence, marine transportation, regional monitoring programs, and science/technical.

Nominees need to submit the following information to the Trustee Council:

1. Nominee's name;
2. Nominee's email address;
3. Nominee's mailing address;
4. Nominee's telephone number;
5. Special interests the nominee represents;
6. A resume or one-page synopsis of the nominee's:
 - a. education;
 - b. affiliations;
 - c. knowledge of the region, peoples or principal economic and social activities of the area affected by the T/V Exxon Valdez oil spill;
 - d. expertise in public lands and resource management, if any;

e. breadth of experience and perspective and length of experience in one or more of the special interests; and

7. Indicate if the person being nominated has been contacted and agrees to consider serving if selected.

Willie R. Taylor,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Meeting of the California Desert District Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Public Laws 92-463 and 94-579, that the California Desert District Advisory Council to the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, will meet in formal session on Friday, August 27 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, August 28 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Needles City Council Chambers, located at 1111 Bailey, Needles, California.

Agenda items will updates of ongoing plan amendments, reports by Council members, an overview of the Desert Manager's Group 5-year annual work plan, and a tentative presentation on the Clark County (Nevada) Habitat Conservation Plan.

All Desert District Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Time for public comment may be made available by the Council Chairman during the presentation of various agenda items, and is scheduled at the end of the meeting for topics not on the agenda.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be filed in advance of the meeting for the California Desert District Advisory Council, c/o Bureau of Land Management, External Affairs Office, 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553. Written comments also are accepted at the time of the meeting and, if copies are provided to the recorder, will be incorporated into the minutes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Doran Sanchez, BLM California Desert District External Affairs (909) 697-5220.