

Purpose

The purpose of this information collection is for TSA to more fully understand the unique features that characterize TSGP security partnerships in order to improve this and other grant programs. Specifically, one of TSA's priorities for conducting this survey is to systematically understand the goals of all of its security partners and whether or not those goals are achieved through the partnership. Discovering any disconnects will better enable TSA to accomplish its mission and ultimately increase the effectiveness of the TSGP.

Past studies on partnerships have not yielded recommendations that will benefit the unique challenges TSA faces with the TSGP through the RTSWGs. Partnerships in the security grant program context, specifically security preparedness partnerships, have not been extensively studied by academia or the Federal government. Because of the vast amounts of uncertainty that cloud the "effectiveness" and "success" measurements of security partnerships, they often face unique hurdles and thus require alternative solutions to overcome them.

Therefore, this information collection is essential in order to better educate TSA on strategies that enhance the effectiveness of its security partnerships with the transit community through the RTSWGs. Through this effort, TSA and its security partners will improve the collaborative partnership process and, therefore, the effectiveness of the TSGP.

Description of Data Collection

The respondents to this proposed information collection are the approximately 400 representatives of eligible transit agencies, local law enforcement, and State administrative agencies that partner with TSA through RTSWGs in order to implement the TSGP. This information collection will occur over approximately nine weeks to elicit maximum response rates.

TSA will collect the information through a Web-based survey. All respondents will be e-mailed a Web site link and a unique password in order to take the survey. The same set of questions will be asked of all respondents. The Web-based survey will take approximately 45 minutes to complete. The anticipated one-time reporting burden for the survey is 300 annual hours (e.g., 400 respondents multiplied by 45 minutes = 18000 minutes divided by 60 (60 minutes per hour) equals 300 hours).

The information collection will be designed such that statistically

significant results will emerge; these results can then, in turn, inform the structure and operation of the TSGP, and, potentially, other security partnerships.

The survey will consist of five main sections that collect opinions about:

1. *Part I: Regional and Entity Threat:* How partners view the threat of terrorism to their system and region as compared to the rest of the nation.

2. *Part II: Membership and Process of the RTSWG:* How much do partners prioritize security and how do they view the priorities of other partners? What does each of the partners bring to the table that benefits the partnership? How satisfied are partners with the process and structure of the RTSWG?

3. *Part III: Goals and Outcomes:* What are the goals that each partner has in participating in the RTSWG? What are the perceived outputs of the partnership? What are the key incentives that influence the success of the partnership?

4. *Part IV: Other Feedback:* What is working well, and/or what could be improved, in regard to the RTSWGs as they pertain to the TSGP?

5. *Part V: Demographics:* Is your organization a member of a RTSWG? Which Tier I RTSWG do you participate in? At what level do you represent your organization (e.g., security staff, executive)? Which of the following best characterizes your organization: Federal, State, transit agency, and/or law enforcement?

There are no other anticipated recordkeeping and reporting burdens associated with this information collection.

Use of Results

TSA will use these survey results to improve TSGP partnership strategies, which will, in turn, improve this and other grant programs. Demographic information will allow recommendations to be made for the entire program, looking nationally, and for each of the eight RTSWGs, looking regionally. Because each RTSWG operates with slight differences, the recommendations that result from the data collection will enable processes in each region to be refined so that the goals of each partner are more adequately addressed by the results of the partnership, as appropriate. To protect anonymity, demographic subgroup results will only be reported if there are at least 10 individuals responding from that subgroup. Demographic subgroups may be geographic (by region) or organizational (type of organization, e.g., Federal, State, and/or transit agency).

The outcome of this information collection and analysis of the survey results will provide several findings where improvements may be made for each region. Areas that are actionable will then be presented generically to the regions through the RTSWGs and anticipated changes to address the issues discussed.

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Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Office of Information Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2008-1240]

Collection of Information Under Review by Office of Management and Budget: OMB Control Numbers: 1625-0101, 1625-0102, and 1625-0103

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Thirty-day notice requesting comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this request for comments announces that the U.S. Coast Guard is forwarding three Information Collection Requests (ICRs), abstracted below, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requesting an extension of its approval for the following collections of information: (1) 1625-0101, Periodic Gauging and Engineering Analyses for Certain Tank Vessels Over 30 Years Old; (2) 1625-0102, National Response Resource Inventory; and (3) 1625-0103, Mandatory Ship Reporting System for the Northeast and Southeast Coasts of the United States. Review and comments by OIRA ensure we only impose paperwork burdens commensurate with our performance of duties.

DATES: Please submit comments on or before May 27, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number [USCG-2008-1240] to the Docket Management Facility (DMF) at the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) or to OIRA. To avoid duplication, please submit your comments by only one of the following means:

(1) Electronic submission. (a) To Coast Guard docket at <http://www.regulation.gov>. (b) To OIRA by e-mail via: oira_submission@omb.eop.gov.

(2) Mail or Hand delivery. (a) DMF (M-30), DOT, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Hand deliver between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329. (b) To OIRA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, attention Desk Officer for the Coast Guard.

(3) Fax. (a) To DMF, 202-493-2251. (b) To OIRA at 202-395-6566. To ensure your comments are received in time, mark the fax, attention Desk Officer for the Coast Guard.

The DMF maintains the public docket for this Notice. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this Notice as being available in the docket, will become part of the docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room W12-140 on the West Building Ground Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find the docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Copies of the ICRs are available through the docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Additionally, copies are available from Commandant (CG-611), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, (Attn: Mr. Arthur Requina), 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The telephone number is 202-475-3523.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Arthur Requina, Office of Information Management, telephone 202-475-3523 or fax 202-475-3929, for questions on these documents. Contact Ms. Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, 202-366-9826, for questions on the docket.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Coast Guard invites comments on whether these ICRs should be granted based on it being necessary for the proper performance of Departmental functions. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing:

(1) The practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of information subject to the collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments to Coast Guard or OIRA must contain the OMB Control Number of the ICR. They must also contain the docket number of this request, [USCG

2008-1240]. For your comments to OIRA to be considered, it is best if they are received on or before May 27, 2009.

Public participation and request for comments: We encourage you to respond to this request by submitting comments and related materials. We will post all comments received, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>. They will include any personal information you provide. We have an agreement with DOT to use their DMF. Please see the "Privacy Act" paragraph below.

Submitting comments: If you submit a comment, please include the docket number [USCG-2008-1240], indicate the specific section of the document to which each comment applies, providing a reason for each comment. We recommend you include your name, mailing address, an e-mail address, or other contact information in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission. You may submit comments and material by electronic means, mail, fax, or delivery to the DMF at the address under **ADDRESSES**; but please submit them 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. In response to your comments, we may revise the ICR or decide not to seek an extension of approval for this collection. The Coast Guard and OIRA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

Viewing comments and documents: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> to view documents mentioned in this Notice as being available in the docket. Enter the docket number [USCG-2008-1240] in the Search box, and click, "Go>>." You may also visit the DMF in room W12-140 on the West Building Ground Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., 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 in 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 Privacy Act statement regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008 issue of the **Federal Register** (73 FR 3316).

Previous Request for Comments.

This request provides a 30-day comment period required by OIRA. The Coast Guard has published the 60-day notice (74 FR 6044, February 4, 2009) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That notice elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request.

1. **Title:** Periodic Gauging and Engineering Analyses for Certain Tank Vessels Over 30 Years Old.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0101.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Owners and operators of certain tank vessels.

Abstract: Title 46 U.S.C. section 3703 authorizes the Coast Guard to prescribe regulations related to tank vessels, including design, construction, alteration, repair, and maintenance. Title 46 CFR section 31.10-21a prescribes the regulations related to periodic gauging and engineering analyses for certain tank vessels over 30 years old.

Forms: None.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden has decreased from 13,688 hours to 9,918 hours a year.

2. **Title:** National Response Resource Inventory.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0102.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Oil spill removal organizations.

Abstract: Section 4202 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-380) requires the Coast Guard to compile and maintain a comprehensive list of spill removal equipment. This collection helps fulfill that requirement.

Forms: None.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden has increased from 1,236 hours to 1,296 hours a year.

3. **Title:** Mandatory Ship Reporting System for the Northeast and Southeast Coasts of the United States.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0103.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Operators of certain vessels.

Abstract: The collection involves ships' reporting by radio to a shore-based authority when entering the area covered by the reporting system. The ship will receive, in return, information to reduce the likelihood of collisions between themselves and Northern Right Whales—an endangered species—in the areas established with critical-habitat designation.

Forms: None.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden has decreased from 226 hours to 211 hours a year.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

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Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Information Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2009-0201]

Navigation Safety Advisory Council; Vacancies

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the Navigation Safety Advisory Council (NAVSAC). NAVSAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Secretary on a wide range of issues related to the prevention of collisions, rammings, and groundings. This includes, but is not limited to: Inland and International Rules of the Road, navigation regulations and equipment, routing measures, marine information, diving safety, and aids to navigation systems.

DATES: Application forms should reach us on or before June 19, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may request an application form by writing to Commandant (CG-54121), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling 202-372-1532; or by faxing 202-372-1929. This notice is also available in our online docket, USCG-2009-0201, at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Send your completed application to the above street address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Sollosi, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) of NAVSAC, or John Bobb, Assistant DFO; telephone 202-372-1532, fax 202-372-1929.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Navigation Safety Advisory Council (NAVSAC) is a Federal advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92-463). NAVSAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security on a wide range of issues related to the prevention of collisions, rammings, and groundings. This includes, but is not limited to: Inland and International Rules of the Road, navigation regulations and equipment, routing

measures, marine information, diving safety, and aids to navigation systems.

NAVSAC meets at least once a year at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC, or another location selected by the Coast Guard. It may also meet for extraordinary purposes. Its subcommittees and working groups may meet to consider specific problems as required.

Selected individuals will serve as either Special Government Employees (SGE) or Representative Members. An SGE Member is an officer or employee of the executive or legislative branch who is retained, designated, appointed, or employed to perform temporary duties (either on a full-time or intermittent basis) for not to exceed 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days. The definition of SGE also includes individuals in certain miscellaneous positions, who are deemed SGEs without regard to the number of days of service. In general, SGEs provide Federal advisory committees with their own best independent judgment based on their individual expertise. (See 18 U.S.C. 202(a).)

A Representative Member is an individual who is not a Federal employee (or a Federal employee who is attending in a personal capacity), who is selected for membership on a Federal advisory committee for the purpose of obtaining the point of view or perspective of an outside interest group or stakeholder interest. While representative members may have expertise in a specific area, discipline, or subject matter, they are not selected solely on the basis of this expertise, but rather are selected to represent the point of view of a group or particular interest. A representative member may represent groups or organizations, such as industry, labor, consumers or any other recognizable group of persons having an interest in matters before the committee.

We will consider applications for six positions that expire or become vacant in November 2009. Applications will be considered from persons representing, insofar as practical, the following groups: Four persons from among recognized experts and leaders in organizations having an active interest in the Rules of the Road and vessel and port safety; and two persons from among professional mariners, recreational boaters and the recreational boating industry.

Organizations having an active interest in the Rules of the Road and vessel and port safety are considered to include organizations representing vessel owners and operators of vessels operating on international waters and/or

the inland waters of the United States; the Federal and State maritime academies; maritime education and training institutions teaching Rules of the Road, navigation, and electronic navigation; and organizations established to facilitate vessel movement and navigational safety. Members from these organizations are appointed to express the viewpoint of the organizations listed above and are SGEs as defined in section 202(a) of title 18, United States Code, and will not be appointed as Representative Members.

Professional mariners are considered to include actively working or retired mariners experienced in applying the Inland and/or International Rules as masters or licensed deck officers of vessels operating on international waters or the inland waters of the United States, and federal or state licensed pilots. Recreational boaters and the recreational boating industry are specifically identified groups that members may represent. Members from these groups are appointed to express the viewpoint of the groups listed above in which they serve or have served and are not SGEs as defined in section 202(a) of title 18, United States Code, and will be appointed as Representative Members.

All individuals meeting the above requirements are invited to apply. Each member serves for a term of three years. A few members may serve consecutive terms. All members serve at their own expense and receive no salary but receive reimbursement for travel expenses and per diem expenses from the Federal Government.

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

If you are selected as a member who represents the general public, we will require you to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450). We may not release the report or the information in it to the public, except under an order issued by a Federal court or as otherwise provided under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a). Only the Designated Agency Ethics Official (DAEO) or the DAEO's designate may release a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report.

If you are interested in applying to become a member of NAVSAC, send a completed application to Commandant (CG-54121), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. Applications should reach us on or before June 19, 2009.