

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Coast Guard****[USCG–2001–9188]****Proposed Decommissioning and/or Excessing of the Remaining 180-foot Seagoing Buoy Tender Class, and the Proposed Excessing of the Vessel, FIR (WLM 212)****AGENCY:** U.S. Coast Guard, DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Coast Guard announces the availability of the final Programmatic Environmental Assessment and the Finding of No Significant Impact on its proposal to decommission and/or declare excess the remaining vessels in the 180-foot seagoing buoy tender fleet and the proposed excessing of the former United States Coast Guard Cutter, FIR (WLM–212).

DATES: The Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) and the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be available on October 31, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. The Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) and the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) are available for inspection or copying 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. You may also find this docket, including the PEA, on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, the proposed project, or the associated assessment, call Ms. Kebby Kelley, U.S. Coast Guard, telephone 202–267–6034. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Dorothy Beard, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202–366–9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Proposed Action**

The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) proposes to decommission and/or declare excess the remaining vessels in its aging fleet of 180-foot seagoing buoy tenders and declare the former United States Coast Guard Cutter, FIR (WLM–212), excess to its needs. The USCG has determined that the entire class of 180-foot vessels is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Additionally, FIR (WLM–212)

is a National Historic Landmark listed on the NRHP. The USCG intends to replace the 180-foot WLBs with 175-foot Coastal Buoy Tenders (WLMs) and 225-foot Coastal Buoy Tenders (WLBs). These new vessels will support the same mission requirements as the 180-foot WLBs, with state-of-the-art technology.

While the 180-foot WLBs have contributed to nearly every USCG mission area, their primary contribution has been servicing the Short Range Aids to Navigation System. All 180-foot WLBs are over 50 years of age and further renovation is impractical. Excessive maintenance problems stemming from the age of these vessels are also being experienced with resultant reduced reliability and increased operating costs. The Federal Property Administrative Services Act (FPASA) (40 U.S.C. Chapter 10) requires that excess property be identified and declared as such. Therefore, the USCG has an operational, economic, and legal need to cost-effectively rid itself of obsolete and inefficient vessels that can no longer effectively carry out the USCG missions they were designed for. Consequently, the USCG is proposing to decommission (remove the vessels from active use) and declare the current WLB fleet excess to its needs. In order to declare a vessel excess, the USCG must complete a report of survey that states that the vessel is excess to its needs. The USCG provides the General Services Administration (GSA) with a Standard Form 120 for the excess material. Following submittal to GSA, the standard mandated GSA process for disposing of Federally owned materials ensues. Built in 1939, FIR (WLM 212) is classified as a National Historic Landmark and as such is listed on the NRHP. Homeported for 50 years in Washington State, FIR served buoys, lighthouses, and other navigation aids in the Pacific Northwest. FIR is the last surviving unaltered American lighthouse tender, and was the last working member of the U.S. Lighthouse Service fleet.

The FIR has reached the end of its service life. The vessel is over 50 years of age. Excessive maintenance problems stemming from the age of FIR were experienced with resultant reduced reliability and increased operating costs. As a result of its age and condition, the USCG decommissioned FIR in 1996. At present, the USCG is incurring costs to store the vessel in Suisun Bay, California. As previously stated, it is a requirement of the FPASA that excess property be identified by the USCG and declared as such. Therefore, the USCG has an operational, economic, and legal

need to cost effectively rid itself of the obsolete and inefficient FIR.

Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment

The Coast Guard completed a draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) in March of 2001 and published a Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register** on April 23, 2001 (66 FR 20513). The draft PEA identified and examined the reasonable alternatives to our proposed action and assessed potential environmental impacts. The alternatives analyzed in the draft PEA were chosen because they fulfilled the need for the USCG to cost effectively and legally rid itself of obsolete and inefficient vessels that can no longer effectively carry out the USCG missions they were designed for. In analyzing these alternatives for environmental impact, the draft PEA looked at the impacts of decommissioning and excessing which we control, and then generally, at the possible environmental impacts resulting from each component of the mandated disposal process—the connected actions to the decommissioning and/or excessing of our remaining 180-foot vessels and FIR.

The draft PEA concluded that the only area of significant impact from the Coast Guard's proposed action was the impact to the historic character of the vessels. However, the PEA states the Coast Guard's commitment to performing photo-documentation and the completion of historic narratives for the remaining vessels in the 180-foot fleet and for, FIR. The photographs and the historic narratives will be deposited in the Library of Congress and distributed to the affected states and interested parties. Future generations will thus have the ability to appreciate the contribution of these vessels to this nation's maritime history. The Coast Guard's commitment to providing the historical documentation, as indicated in the PEA, will mitigate the potential for significant impacts to historic resources to an insignificant level.

No substantive comments or environmental concerns related to the draft PEA or the Coast Guard's proposed action were received during the comment period for the draft PEA. Therefore, this notice announces our decision to make the draft PEA our final PEA without any further revisions. Additionally, this notice announces the availability of our FONSI for the proposed action described in the PEA. All those who received a copy of the draft PEA, will receive a copy of the final PEA cover pages and the FONSI along with a letter explaining our

decision to make the draft our final document.

Dated: October 24, 2001.

Harvey E. Johnson,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Operations Capability.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 24, 2001.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before November 30, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service

OMB Number: 1545-1465.

Regulation Project Number: PS-54-94 Final.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Environmental Settlement Funds—Classification.

Description: Section 7701 and the regulations thereunder classify entities for federal tax purposes as partnerships, associations, and trusts. Section 671 requires a grantor treated as an owner of a portion of a trust to include items in income. This regulation provides reporting rules.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 4 hours.

Frequency of Response: Other (Once).

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 2,000 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1471.

Regulation Project Number: REG-209626-93 Final.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Notice, Consent, and Election Requirements under Sections 411(a)(11) and 417.

Description: These regulations concern the ability to make a distribution from a qualified plan within 30 days of giving the participant a written explanation of the distribution options provided the plan administrator informs the participant of the right to have at least 30 days to consider the options.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 750,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: .011 hours.

Frequency of Response: Other (once each year).

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 8,333 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Mary A. Able,

Departmental Reports, Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of the Public Debt

Proposed Collection: Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently the Bureau of the Public Debt within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the U.S. Treasury Auction Submitter Agreement.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 27, 2001, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Bureau of the Public Debt, Vicki S. Thorpe, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Vicki S. Thorpe, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, (304) 480-6553.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: U.S. Treasury Auctions Submitter Agreement.

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: PD F 5441.

Abstract: The information is requested to establish an account for entities wishing to submit bids directly in U.S. Treasury Auctions for the purchase of Treasury securities.

Current Actions: None.

Type of Review: New.

Affected Public: Depository Institutions, Brokers/Dealers, and Funds/Assessment Management Companies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 900.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 72.

Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: October 19, 2001.

Vicki S. Thorpe,

Manager, Graphics, Printing and Records Branch.

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