

Operations, (202) 366-0271, for questions on the docket.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Coast Guard invites comments on the proposed collection of information to determine whether the collections are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department. 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 the information that is the subject of 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 DMS or OIRA must contain the OMB Control Number of the Information Collection Requests (ICRs) addressed. Comments to DMS must contain the docket number of this request, [USCG 2005-22049]. For your comments to OIRA to be considered, it is best if OIRA receives them on or before December 1, 2005.

**Public participation and request for comments:** We encourage you to respond to this request for comments by submitting comments and related materials. We will post all comments received, without change, to <http://dms.dot.gov>, and they will include any personal information you have provided. We have an agreement with DOT to use their Docket Management Facility. Please see the paragraph on DOT's "Privacy Act Policy" below.

**Submitting comments:** If you submit a comment, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this request for comment [USCG-2005-22049], indicate the specific section of this document or the ICR to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. You may submit your comments and material by electronic means, mail, fax, or delivery to the Docket Management Facility 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.

The Coast Guard and OIRA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. We may change the documents supporting this collection of information or even the underlying requirements in view of them.

**Viewing comments and documents:** To view comments, as well as documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time and conduct a simple search using the docket number. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility 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.

#### 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 of DOT in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

#### Previous Request for Comments

This request provides a 30-day comment period required by OIRA. The Coast Guard has already published the 60-day notice (70 FR 47217, August 12, 2005) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That notice elicited no comment.

#### Information Collection Request

1. **Title:** Title 46 CFR Subchapter Q: Lifesaving, Electrical, and Engineering Equipment, Construction and Materials & Marine Sanitation Devices.

**OMB Control Number:** 1625-0035.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Affected Public:** Manufacturers of safety equipment, materials and marine sanitation devices.

**Form:** CGHQ-10030.

**Abstract:** This information is used by the Coast Guard to ensure that regulations governing specific types of safety equipment, material and Marine Sanitation Devices (MSDs) installed on commercial vessels and pleasure crafts are met. Manufacturers are required to submit drawings, specifications, and laboratory test reports to the Coast Guard before any approval is given.

**Burden Estimate:** The estimated burden has increased from 16,880 hours to 20,529 hours a year.

2. **Title:** (A) Reports of MARPOL 73/78 Oil, Noxious Liquid Substances (NLS) and Garbage Discharge; (B) Application for Equivalents, Exemptions and Alternatives; and (C) Voluntary Reports of Pollution Sightings.

**OMB Control Number:** 1625-0051.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Affected Public:** Vessel owners and operators for (A) and (B), and the public for (C).

**Form:** None.

**Abstract:** The information is needed by the Coast Guard to ensure compliance with pollution prevention standards and to respond and investigate pollution incidents.

**Burden Estimate:** The estimated burden remains the same, 10 hours a year.

Dated: October 24, 2005.

**R.T. Hewitt,**

*Rear Admiral, Assistant Commandant for Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Information Technology.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[CGD09-05-127]

#### Remedial Action Project for Petroleum and Metals Impacted Soil at Passage Island Light Station, Keweenaw County, MI; Environmental Assessment

**AGENCY:** U.S. Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent and request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for remedial action associated with petroleum and metals impacted soil at the Passage Island Light Station, Keweenaw County, Michigan. This letter shall serve as notification for a thirty-day scoping period for the Draft EA. This scoping announcement provides interested parties with information on the USCG Passage Island Light Station, existing environment, and proposed action in advance of issuance of the Draft EA for this project. The Draft EA will assess the alternatives to address impacted soil at the light station. The USCG seeks public and agency input on the scope of the Draft EA. Specifically, the USCG requests input on any environmental concerns that the public may have related to the existing impacted soil, the remedial action alternatives, or sources of relevant data or information for inclusion in the Draft EA.

**DATES:** Comments and related material must be post-marked on or before 30 days after the date of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and related material regarding the USCG Passage

Island Draft EA scoping must be received or post-marked on or before 30 days after the date of this notice. Comments may be submitted in several ways; they must be addressed directly to the Civil Engineering Unit Cleveland's Environmental Compliance Section and may be mailed, e-mailed, faxed, or delivered in person. To make sure your comments and related material are not entered more than once in the public record, please submit them by only one of the following means:

(1) By mail to Commanding Officer, USCG Civil Engineering Unit (CEU), Attn: Lynn Keller, 1240 East Ninth Street, Room 2179, Cleveland, OH 44199-2060.

(2) By delivery to Room 2179 on the twenty-first floor of the Anthony J. Celebrezze Federal Building, 1240 East Ninth Street, Cleveland, OH 44199-2060 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The general office telephone number is 216-902-6200.

(3) By fax to the USCG Civil Engineering Unit at 216-902-6277. Please indicate on the fax "Attn: Lynn Keller."

(4) By electronic mail to [LKeller@ceucleveland.uscg.mil](mailto:LKeller@ceucleveland.uscg.mil) and/or [FBlaha@ceucleveland.uscg.mil](mailto:FBlaha@ceucleveland.uscg.mil).

The USCG Civil Engineering Unit Cleveland will maintain the public record for this notice. Comments submitted as described above will become part of the public record and will be available for inspection or copying in Room 2179, located on the twenty-first floor of the Anthony J. Celebrezze Federal Building, 1240 East Ninth Street, Cleveland, OH 44199-2060 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments submitted during the Draft EA scoping period will be included in the Draft EA document as an Appendix.

You may also view, download, and print draft and final documents for the Passage Island EA on the USCG CEU Cleveland Web site at <http://www.uscg.mil/mlclant/ceucleveland/er/uscgpassagelight.htm>. The CEU Cleveland Web site navigation page is located at <http://www.uscg.mil/mlclant/ceucleveland/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions about this notice or the Passage Island EA, you may contact Mr. Frank Blaha at (216) 902-6255 and [FBlaha@ceucleveland.uscg.mil](mailto:FBlaha@ceucleveland.uscg.mil) or Ms. Lynn Keller at (216) 902-6258 and [LKeller@ceucleveland.uscg.mil](mailto:LKeller@ceucleveland.uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Request for Comments**

The USCG requests that any interested party provide any additional information or potential concerns regarding the presence of significant natural or cultural resources that may be potentially affected by the project. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, this notice reference number CGD09-05-127, and the reasons for each comment. You may submit your comments and materials by mail, hand delivery, fax, or electronic means as directed under **ADDRESSES**. If you choose to submit them by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ 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 CEU, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and materials received during the comment period.

**Background and Purpose**

Passage Island is located in the northwestern reaches of Lake Superior, about 60 miles north of Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula, 22 miles east of Grand Portage, Minnesota, and 35 miles south of Thunder Bay, Ontario. The USCG Passage Island Light Station is located on Passage Island, three and one quarter miles off the northeastern tip of Isle Royale in Lake Superior, within the Isle Royale National Park. Congress designated about 99 percent of Isle Royale National Park as Wilderness in 1976. In addition, Isle Royale was designated a U.S. Biosphere Reserve by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1980.

The USCG lighthouse and associated facilities are located on the southernmost portion of Passage Island, Section 9, T67N R32W, Houghton Township, Keweenaw County, Michigan. Areas of petroleum and metals impacted soils from Light Station activities occupy approximately 0.25 acres of the 6.3-acre site. In accordance with Part 201, Environmental Remediation, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) of 1994, as amended (Michigan Part 201), the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) requires that the environmental impacts associated with former operations at the site be investigated and mitigated.

The USCG performed a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) in 1997. The Phase I ESA identified possible sources of environmental

impact and recommended a Site Investigation (SI) be performed to characterize and delineate the potential sources. The USCG performed an SI at the Passage Island Light Station in 2001. Based on the results of the SI, the USCG concluded that petroleum and metals impacted soils exist at concentrations in excess of the Residential Criteria established under the Michigan Part 201. The impacted area is approximately 8,000 square feet. The depth of impact is approximately 6 inches and the volume of impacted soil is approximately 150 cubic yards. In order to mitigate environmental and human health impacts of the impacted soils, the USCG proposes remedial actions for the site.

**NEPA Requirements and Proposed Soil Remediation Project Description**

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (Section 102(2)(c)), as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), Department of Transportation (DOT) Order 5610.C (Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts), and USCG Policy (NEPA: Implementing Procedures and Policy for Considering Environmental Impacts, COMDTINST M16475.1D (Commandant's Instruction)), the USCG intends to prepare an EA. The purpose of the EA is to develop an approach and direction for implementing a petroleum and metals impacted soil remedial project for the impacted area at Passage Island Light Station. Following completion of the EA, the USCG will either file a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate potentially significant environmental impacts.

NEPA requires Federal agencies to consider all significant aspects of environmental impacts that may result from a proposed action, to inform the public of potential impacts and alternatives, including the no action alternative, and to facilitate public involvement in the assessment process. The core of our impact assessment process is our EA. The EA will include, among other topics, discussions of the purpose and need for the proposed action, a description of alternatives, a description of the affected environment, and an evaluation of the environmental impacts of the proposed action and alternatives. To date, the USCG has identified the following alternatives for analysis in the EA:

- Excavation and re-contouring (no backfill) with off-site disposal as hazardous waste; restricted site closure;
- Excavation and re-contouring (no backfill) with on-site stabilization of contaminated soil and off-site disposal of stabilized soil as non-hazardous waste; restricted site closure; and,
- No Action (Status Quo).

The USCG-preferred remedial action method involves excavation of contaminated soil using a vacuum truck located on a barge in Lake Superior, adjacent to the excavation area. Soils would be loosened with hand tools and then vacuumed up. Field screening would be conducted using hand-held x-ray fluorescence (XRF) equipment to assess the excavation extents for the metals-impacted soil. A photoionization detector (PID) would be used to assess the excavation extents for the petroleum-impacted soil. Confirmatory soil samples would be collected from the sidewalls and floor of the excavation to ensure that soil impacted at concentrations exceeding levels approved by Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (Michigan Residential Criteria or a Calculated Site-Specific Criteria) has been removed. At the request of the National Park Service (NPS), backfill material would not be brought on-site due to concerns regarding introduction of non-native and invasive species. Site restoration would include smoothing out the sides of the excavations and ensuring proper drainage and protection of structure foundations. Contaminated soil would be directly transferred to containers on a barge as the soil is vacuumed up. The containerized soil would then be transported by barge to Duluth, Minnesota, where it will be loaded onto trucks. The trucks would transport the soil to an approved Type I hazardous waste Treatment-Storage-Disposal Facility (TSDF). Due to the high lead levels, the soil would be treated at the landfill via stabilization to meet the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) standards prior to disposal. The proposed TSDF and disposal facility for hazardous soil is either Onyx Special Services in Menominee Falls, WI or EQ in Belleville, MI. The USCG would need to comply with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Resources Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) large quantity generator requirements, which include payment of fees and filing necessary reports. In addition, due to disposal of hazardous waste, the USCG could be placed on the Hazardous Waste Compliance Docket and the site could potentially be listed as a National

Priorities List (NPL) site. A deed restriction would be placed on the property to limit use. Groundwater use would be restricted and the current recreational land use and zoning would be maintained.

In addition to the USCG preferred method described above, one alternative remedial action method under consideration would include contaminated soil excavation, on-site soil stabilization and off-site disposal as a non-hazardous waste. This alternative would include using a vacuum truck located on a barge in Lake Superior, adjacent to the excavation area. Soils would be loosened with hand tools and then vacuumed up. Field screening would be conducted using hand-held XRF equipment to assess the excavation extents for the metals-impacted soil. A PID would be used to assess the excavation extents for the petroleum-impacted soil. Confirmatory soil samples would be collected from the sidewalls and floor of the excavation to ensure that soil impacted at concentrations exceeding the Michigan Residential Criteria or Calculated Site-Specific Criteria (if approved by Michigan Department of Environmental Quality) has been removed. At the request of the NPS, backfill material would not be brought on-site due to concerns regarding introduction of non-native and invasive species. Site restoration would include smoothing out the sides of the excavations and ensuring proper drainage and protection of structure foundations. Soil would be mixed with a stabilizing agent prior to transportation to a dock in Duluth, Minnesota. The soil would then be transported to a non-hazardous waste disposal facility. The proposed non-hazardous waste disposal facility is K&W located in Ontonagon, MI. A deed restriction would be placed on the property to limit use. Groundwater use would be restricted and the current recreational land use and zoning would be maintained.

Due to NEPA requirements and the sensitive nature of the sub-Arctic environment and presence of listed plant species at Passage Island Light Station, the no action alternative is also being considered in lieu of performing a soil removal for remedial action. The MDEQ does not support this alternative as the soil contamination at the site is seen as a threat to humans and water resources.

Several other remedial alternatives have been considered and will be discussed briefly in the EA due to their limited applicability at the site in question. These alternatives include the following:

- Hot spot removal;
- Soil stabilization;
- Phytoremediation;
- Heap leaching;
- Soil capping/engineered barrier;
- Soil washing;
- Groundwater surface water interface (GSI) and drinking water pathway elimination and no further action;
- Risk Assessment and no further action;
- State listed/threatened/species of concern plant species relocation (combined with other alternatives).

#### EA Issues

Issues that the USCG has identified for analysis to date include the effects of the remediation project alternatives on the following resources:

- Land Use (Recreation) and Aesthetics;
- Historic and Cultural Properties;
- Vegetation, Wildlife, Threatened and Endangered Species;
- Water Quality;
- Human Health;
- Air Quality;
- Soil Depletion and Regeneration;
- Noise;
- Transportation (Shipping and Boating); and,
- Generation of Hazardous Materials and Waste.

#### Cultural Resources

The USCG Passage Island Light Station was established by Executive Order in 1871, and remaining structures at the site date back to 1882. The Passage Island Light Station is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. In August 2004, a Phase I archaeological cultural resource survey was conducted for the Passage Island Light Station site. Based on a Phase I survey program that combined archival research with pedestrian reconnaissance and subsurface testing, it has been determined that there are no significant prehistoric or historic resources within the 0.25-acre study area. This survey was submitted to the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) along with the required documentation for a project review for the proposed soil remediation work. The Michigan SHPO determined that the proposed action will have no adverse effect on historic and cultural resources at the site as long as the USCG ensures that structures are not damaged during clean up activities and proper grading is achieved.

#### Natural Resources

Topographically, the Passage Island Light Station area is similar to the nearby Isle Royale. Elevations range

from 620 to 640 feet above mean sea level or approximately 20 to 40 feet above the immediately adjacent Lake Superior (600 feet above mean sea level). The light station area is located at the crest of a bedrock outcrop, bounded on the south, east, and west by wave-cut exposures leading down to Lake Superior, and to the north by forested portions of the island. Soils have developed, accumulated, or been placed in general proximity to the various Light Station structures and in low areas between bedrock exposures. Vegetation in the Light Station vicinity is limited to grasses, weeds, and few small woody shrubs. No Federally listed plant or animal species have been identified. Specimens of one State Threatened plant species, prickly saxifrage (*Saxifraga tricuspidata*), are located in the vicinity of the Light Station, but outside of the contamination footprint. The USCG has obtained Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Permit #1615 for the take of this State Threatened Species if necessary to perform the clean up work. Specimens of twisted whitlow grass (*Draba arabisans*), a State Species of Concern, are located within the contamination footprint. According to MDNR, there are no legal obligations to protect a State Listed Special Concern plant species.

#### **Public Comment and Document Accessibility**

The USCG encourages public participation in the Draft EA process. The scoping period will start with publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Following the scoping process, the USCG will prepare a Draft EA. Public notices will be mailed or e-mailed to those that have requested a copy of the Draft EA. This period will provide the public with an opportunity to review the document and to offer appropriate comments.

Comments received during the public scoping period and Draft EA review period will be available in the public record and made available in the Final EA.

All draft and final documents will be available online for viewing and downloading at the USCG CEU Cleveland web site (see **ADDRESSES**). Additionally, a hard copy of all draft and final documents will be available in the following public libraries for public inspection and copying:

Portage Lake District Library—  
Houghton, MI  
Mackinaw Area Public Library—  
Mackinaw City, MI  
Peter White Public Library—Marquette,  
MI

Bayliss Public Library—Sault Sainte Marie, MI  
Duluth Public Library—Duluth, MN  
Lansing Public Library—Lansing, MI

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Frank Blaha or Lynn Keller of the USCG Civil Engineering Unit Cleveland Environmental Compliance staff at (216) 902-6255 and (216) 902-6258, respectively.

Dated: October 17, 2005.

**J.M. Peters,**  
*Commanding Officer, United States Coast Guard, Civil Engineering Unit, Cleveland.*  
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## **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

### **Coast Guard**

[CGD09-05-130]

#### **Great Lakes Regional Waterways Management Forum**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Great Lakes Regional Waterways Management Forum will hold a meeting to discuss various waterways management issues. Potential agenda items will include navigation, ballast water regulations, Automatic Identification Systems (AIS), waterways management, and discussions about the agenda for the next meeting. The meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held November 17, 2005 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and November 18, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Comments must be submitted on or before November 14, 2005 to be considered at the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Village Inn, 751 Christina Street, Point Edward, Ontario. Any written comments and materials should be submitted to Commander (dpw-1), Ninth Coast Guard District, 1240 E. 9th Street, Room 2069, Cleveland, OH 44199.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** LTjg Regan Blomshield (dpw-1), Ninth Coast Guard District, 1240 E. 9th Street, Room 2069, Cleveland, OH 44199, telephone (216) 902-6050. Persons with disabilities requiring assistance to attend this meeting should contact LTjg Blomshield.

**SUPPLEMENTARY:** The Great Lakes Waterways Management Forum identifies and resolves waterways

management issues that involve the Great Lakes region. The forum meets twice a year to assess the Great Lakes region, assign priorities to areas of concern and identify issues for resolution. The forum membership has identified potential agenda items for this meeting that include: navigation, AIS, ballast water regulations, waterways management, and discussions about the agenda for the next meeting. The specific agenda is still under development. Additional topics of discussion are solicited from the public.

Dated: October 20, 2005.

**Robert J. Papp Jr.,**  
*Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard, Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District, Cleveland, Ohio.*  
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## **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

### **Federal Emergency Management Agency**

[FEMA-3259-EM]

#### **Florida; Amendment No. 2 to Notice of an Emergency Declaration**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of an emergency declaration for the State of Florida (FEMA-3259-EM), dated September 20, 2005, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 23, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that the incident period for this emergency is closed effective October 23, 2005.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund Program; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance; 97.048, Individuals and Households Housing; 97.049, Individuals and Households Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050, Individuals and Households Program—Other Needs; 97.036, Public