

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Coast Guard****[Docket No. USCG–2012–0133]****Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee: Intercessional Meeting****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee working group meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC) will conduct an intercessional meeting so that a working group may discuss Task Statement 76, entitled “Review of Performance Measures (Assessment Criteria).”

This meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** A MERPAC working group will meet on March 12, 2012, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Please note that the meeting may adjourn early if all business is finished. Written comments to be distributed to working group members and placed on MERPAC’s Web site are due by March 5, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The working group will meet at the Hilton San Francisco Airport Bayfront Hotel, 600 Airport Blvd., Burlingame, CA 94010.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance, contact Ms. Theresa Alas at telephone 650–373–4004 as soon as possible.

To facilitate public participation, we are inviting public comment on the issues to be considered by the working group, which are listed in the “Agenda” section below. Written comments must be identified by Docket No. USCG–2012–0133 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments (preferred method to avoid delays in processing).
- *Fax:* 202–372–1918.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility (M–30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001.
- *Hand delivery:* Same as mail address above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. The telephone number is 202–366–9329.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the words “Department of Homeland Security” and the docket number for this action. Comments

received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may review a Privacy Act notice regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008, issue of the **Federal Register** (73 FR 3316).

Docket: For access to the docket to read documents or comments related to this notice, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

This notice may be viewed in our online docket, USCG–2012–0133, at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Rogers Henderson, Alternate Designated Federal Officer (ADFO), telephone 202–372–1408. If you have any questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92–463).

MERPAC is an advisory committee authorized under section 871 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Title 6, United States Code, section 451, and chartered under the provisions of the FACA. The Committee will act solely in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through the Commandant of the Coast Guard and the Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards on matters relating to personnel in the U.S. merchant marine, including but not limited to training, qualifications, certification, documentation, and fitness standards. The Committee will advise, consult with, and make recommendations reflecting its independent judgment to the Secretary.

**Agenda***March 12, 2012*

The agenda for the March 12, 2012 working group meeting is as follows:

- (1) Discuss and prepare proposed recommendations for the full committee to consider concerning Task Statement 76, entitled “Review of Performance Measures (Assessment Criteria).” The work group will specifically address performance measures (assessment criteria) for mariners seeking an endorsement as Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch and Master on ships of less than 500 Gross Tonnage as measured under the International Tonnage Convention (ITC) while engaged on near-coastal voyages;
- (2) Public comment period; and
- (3) Adjournment of meeting.

*Procedural:* A copy of all meeting documentation is available at the

<https://www.fido.gov> Web site or by contacting Rogers Henderson. Once you have accessed the MERPAC Committee page, click on the meetings tab and then the “View” button for the meeting dated March 12, 2012 to access the information for this meeting. Minutes will be available 90 days after this meeting. Both minutes and documents applicable for this meeting can also be found at an alternative site using the following Web address: <https://homeport.uscg.mil> and use these key strokes: Missions; Port and Waterways Safety; Advisory Committees; MERPAC; and then use the event key.

A public oral comment period will be held during the working group meeting. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to 3 minutes. Please note that the public oral comment period may end before the prescribed ending time of the meeting. Contact Rogers Henderson as indicated above to register as a speaker.

Dated: February 22, 2012.

**J. G. Lantz,**

*Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Federal Emergency Management Agency**

**[Docket ID: FEMA–2012–0010; OMB No. 1660–0062]**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request, State/Local/Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plans**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency, 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 a proposed revision of a currently approved information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice seeks comments concerning State, Local and Tribal mitigation plan requirements. While there has been no change to the information being collected, this proposed adjustment is due to a change in methodology used to estimate burden.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 24, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** To avoid duplicate submissions to the docket, please use only one of the following means to submit comments:

(1) *Online.* Submit comments at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) under Docket ID FEMA-2012-0010. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

(2) *Mail.* Submit written comments to Regulatory Affairs Division, Office of Chief Counsel, DHS/FEMA, 500 C Street, SW., Room 835, Washington, DC 20472-3100.

(3) *Facsimile.* Submit comments to (703) 483-2999.

(4) *Email.* Submit comments to [FEMA-POLICY@dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-POLICY@dhs.gov). Include Docket ID FEMA-2012-0010 in the subject line.

All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket ID. Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Frederick Sharrocks, Branch Chief, Assessment and Planning Branch, Risk Analysis Division, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, (202) 646-2796 for additional information. You may contact the Records Management Division for copies of the proposed collection of information at facsimile number (202) 646-3347 or email address: [FEMA-Information-Collections-Management@dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Information-Collections-Management@dhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 322 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), 42 U.S.C. 5165, as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000), Public Law 106-390, provides new and revitalized approaches to mitigation planning. The Stafford Act provides a framework for linking pre-and post-disaster mitigation planning and initiatives with public and private interests to ensure an integrated, comprehensive approach to disaster loss reduction. Title 44 CFR part 201 provides the mitigation planning requirements for State, local and Indian Tribal governments to identify the natural hazards that impact them, to identify actions and activities to reduce

any losses from hazards, and to establish a coordinated process to implement the plan, taking advantage of a wide-range of resources.

**Collection of Information**

*Title:* State/Local/Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plans.

*Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a currently approved information collection.

*OMB Number:* OMB No. 1660-0062.

*Form Titles and Numbers:* None.

*Abstract:* The purpose of State, Local and Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan requirements is to support the administration of the Federal Emergency Management Agency Mitigation grant programs, and contemplate a significant State, Local and Tribal commitment to mitigation activities, comprehensive mitigation planning, and strong program management. Implementation of plans, pre-identified cost-effective mitigation measures will streamline the disaster recovery process. Mitigation plans are the demonstration of the goals, priorities to reduce risks from natural hazards.

*Affected Public:* State, local, or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 781,152 hours.

## ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS AND COSTS

Type of respondent	Form name/ form number	No. of respondents	No. of responses per respondent	Total No. of responses	Avg. burden per response (in hours)	Total annual burden (in hours)	Avg. hourly wage rate	Total annual respondent cost
Local or Tribal Government .....	New Plan (Local and Tribal) .....	56	5	280	2,080	582,400	\$44.44	\$25,881,856
Local or Tribal Government .....	Plan Updates (Local and Tribal) .....	56	9	504	320	161,280	44.44	7,167,283
State Government .....	State Reviews of Local and Tribal plans.	56	14	784	8	6,272	44.44	278,728
State Government .....	Standard State Plan Updates ....	16	1	16	1,560	24,960	44.44	1,109,222
State Government .....	Enhanced State Plan Updates ..	3	1	3	2,080	6,240	44.44	277,306
Total .....	.....	56	.....	1,587	.....	781,152	.....	34,714,395

**Note:** Contract support from the private sector in developing, updating, and reviewing the plans is not captured in this table.

**Note:** The "Avg. Hourly Wage Rate" for each respondent includes a 1.4 multiplier to reflect a fully-loaded wage rate.

**Note:** This table assumes that no grant dollars are paying for the Mitigation Plans. Mitigation Plans may be paid for using FEMA mitigation grant programs, which usually has a 75 percent Federal cost share.

**Note:** The No. of Responses per Respondent is based on estimates, which are rounded to whole plans.

**Note:** The No. of Respondents is based on the number of governments preparing State-level mitigation plans and is inclusive of States, U.S. Territories, and the District of Columbia.

**Estimated Cost:** The estimated annual cost to respondents for the hour burden is \$34,714,395. There are no operations and maintenance costs for technical services. There are no annual start-up or capital costs. The estimated annual cost to the Federal Government is \$1,506,562.

#### Comments

Comments may be submitted as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** caption above. Comments are solicited to (a) Evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) 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; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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.

Dated: February 14, 2012.

**John G. Jenkins, Jr.,**

*Acting Director, Records Management Division, Mission Support Bureau, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Transportation Security Administration

[Docket No. TSA-2004-19515]

#### Intent to Request Renewal From OMB of One Current Public Collection of Information: Air Cargo Security Requirements

**AGENCY:** Transportation Security Administration, DHS.

**ACTION:** 60-day Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) invites public comment on one currently approved Information Collection Request (ICR), OMB control number 1652-0040, abstracted below that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for renewal in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. This

ICR involves five broad categories of affected populations: airports, passenger aircraft operators, foreign air carriers, indirect air carriers operating under a security program, and all-cargo carriers. The collections of information that make up this ICR are security programs, security threat assessments (STA), known shipper data via the Known Shipper Management System (KSMS), Air Cargo Data Management System (ACDMS), Cargo Reporting Tool for cargo screening reporting, and evidence of compliance recordkeeping. TSA seeks continued OMB approval in order to secure passenger aircraft carrying cargo as authorized in the Aviation and Transportation Security Act.

**DATES:** Send your comments by April 24, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be emailed to [TSAPRA@dhs.gov](mailto:TSAPRA@dhs.gov) or delivered to the TSA PRA Officer, Office of Information Technology (OIT), TSA-11, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 20598-6011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joanna Johnson at the above address, or by telephone (571) 227-3651.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The ICR documentation is available at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Therefore, in preparation for OMB review and approval of the following information collection, TSA is soliciting comments to—

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed information requirement 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;
- (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 using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

##### Information Collection Requirement

*OMB Control Number 1652-0040 Air Cargo Security requirements, 49 CFR parts 1540, 1542, 1544, 1546, and 1548.* TSA is seeking renewal of an expiring

collection of information. Congress set forth in the Aviation and Transportation Security Act (ATSA), Public Law 107-71, two specific requirements for TSA in the area of air cargo security: (1) To provide for screening of all property, including U.S. mail, cargo, carry-on and checked baggage, and other articles, that will be carried aboard a passenger aircraft; and (2) to establish a system to screen, inspect, report, or otherwise ensure the security of all cargo that is to be transported in all-cargo aircraft as soon as practicable. In the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (9/11 Act), Public Law 110-53, Congress required that 50 percent of cargo transported on passenger aircraft be screened by February 2009, and 100 percent of such cargo be screened by August 2010. Collection of information associated with the 9/11 Act requirements fall under OMB control number 1652-0053.

While aviation security requirements have greatly reduced the vulnerability of the air cargo system, TSA, in cooperation with industry stakeholders, identified additional gaps in the existing cargo security requirements that must be filled to reduce the likelihood of cargo tampering or unauthorized access to the aircraft. TSA must proceed with this ICR for this program in order to meet the Congressional mandates and maintain current regulations (49 CFR 1542.209, 1544.205, 1546.205, and part 1548) that enable them to accept, screen, and transport air cargo. The uninterrupted collection of this information will allow TSA to continue to ensure implementation of these vital security measures for the protection of the traveling public.

##### Data Collection

This information collection requires the "regulated entities," which may include passenger and all-cargo aircraft operators, foreign air carriers, and indirect air carriers (IACs), to implement a standard security program or to submit modifications to TSA for approval, and update such programs as necessary. The regulated entities must also collect personal information and submit such information to TSA so that TSA may conduct STAs on individuals with unescorted access to cargo. This includes each individual who is a general partner, officer, or director of an IAC or an applicant to be an IAC, and certain owners of an IAC or an applicant to be an IAC; and any individual who has responsibility for screening cargo under 49 CFR parts 1544, 1546, or 1548. Aircraft operators, foreign air carriers, and IACs must report the volume of accepted and screened cargo transported