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Notice of Public Meetings for Inspection of Towing Vessels NPRM Published

The U.S. Coast Guard today announced the publication of a notice in the *Federal Register* that announces a series of public meetings to receive comments on a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), entitled "[Inspection of Towing Vessels](#)," that was published in the *Federal Register* on August 11, 2011. The regulations proposed in the NPRM would establish safety regulations governing the inspection, standards, and safety management systems of towing vessels. The public meetings will be held as follows:

- Tuesday, October 18, 2011--Point Plaza Suites at City Center, 950 J. Clyde Morris Blvd., Newport News, VA 23601.
- Monday, October 24, 2011--Crowne Plaza (Downtown), 200 N. Fourth Street, St. Louis, MO 63102.
- Wednesday, October 26, 2011--Crowne Plaza (New Orleans-Airport), 2829 Williams Blvd., Kenner, LA 70062.
- Wednesday, November 16, 2011--Hotel 1000, 1000 First Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104.

Each meeting will be conducted from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., with a planned lunch break for approximately 60 to 90 minutes at a convenient point during the commenting period. The Coast Guard may conclude a meeting at any time after 1 p.m. if all persons who wish to submit oral comments at that meeting have done so. Live webcasts (audio and video) of the four public meetings will also be broadcast online. The website for viewing those webcasts can be found at www.Towingvesselregs.us. The webcasts will only enable those using this feature to view the proceedings—it will not allow them to make remarks to those participating in the meetings in person.

The *Federal Register* [notice](#) and related materials may be reviewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number: USCG-2006-24412.

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