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MARINE SAFETY OFFICE, ST. LOUIS CHANGE OF COMMAND

ST. LOUIS – A change of command ceremony is being held Friday, November 7th, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. for the Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Marine Safety Office St. Louis.

The Coast Guard's Marine Safety Office (MSO) in St. Louis has the largest area of responsibility of any marine safety unit in the lower 48 states. It covers the States of WY, CO, ND, SD, NE, KS, IA, and MO, as well as parts of MN, WI, IL, and AR. This widespread zone is served by the main office located in St. Louis, Missouri, and by three detachments located in the key river cities of Rock Island, Illinois, Peoria, Illinois and St. Paul, Minnesota.

MSO St. Louis administers a large number of programs aimed at ensuring marine safety, security and environmental protection. These programs include waterways management, marine environmental protection, port safety and security, commercial vessel inspections and marine casualty investigations. The MSO also operates a Regional Examination Center Monitoring Unit, which serves professional mariners in the entire central part of the Western Rivers area.

Cmdr Eric A. Washburn, Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Marine Safety Office St. Louis, will be moving to the Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection Directorate's Office of Compliance at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

During the ceremony, Cmdr. Suzanne E. Englebert, formerly Chief of Administration and Coordination for the Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection Directorate at Coast Guard Headquarters, will assume command.

Cmdr. Englebert, is a 1984 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy and has had previous assignments as: Executive Officer, Marine Safety Office Duluth MN; Senior Project Manager for Standard Evaluation and Development at Coast Guard Headquarters; Post-graduate Training, University of Michigan; Chief, Safety and Inspection Programs, Marine Safety Office Portland, ME; Marine Inspector, Marine Safety Office Puget

Sound, WA; Commanding Officer, Long Range Aids to Navigation Station, Okinawa, Japan; and Deck Watch Officer, Coast Guard Cutter Iris.

The ceremony's guest speaker is Captain James W. Stark, Eighth Coast Guard District Chief of Staff.

The Change of Command Ceremony will be held at the Media Club, which is located on the 30th floor of the Leclde Gas Building, 720 Olive Street, in downtown St. Louis.

The media is invited to attend and is requested to arrive 15 minutes early. For more information please contact Lieutenant Commander Patrick Clark at (314) 539-3091, extension 3247.

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