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Seafarer's Access to Maritime Facilities
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

The U.S. Coast Guard has published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding Seafarer Access to Maritime Facilities. This rulemaking proposes to require each owner or operator of a facility regulated by the Coast Guard to implement a system that provides seafarers and other individuals with access between vessels moored at the facility and the facility gate in a timely manner and at no cost to the seafarer or other individual. If this rulemaking becomes final, the process for seafarers to obtain shore access would have to be documented in the facility's security plan. While most facilities currently comply with this proposal, shore access is important for the well-being of mariners and therefore shore access during port calls should be a transparent process.

A meeting to receive public comments will be held on 23 January 2015 in Washington, DC. Written comments on the proposal must be received by 27 February 2015. Details concerning this proposal are contained in 79 Fed. Reg. 77981, published on December 29, 2014 and located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-29/pdf/2014-30013.pdf>.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. S. OGRYDZIAK'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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