contact John Lanigan by e-mail at *Jlanigan@cms.hhs.gov* or by telephone at (410) 786–2312 at least 10 days before the meeting.

Authority: (Section 1868 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ee) and section 10(a) of Pub. L. 92–463 (5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a).)

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program.)

Dated: April 9, 2004.

Mark B. McClellan,

Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG–2004–17580]

Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of committee renewal.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security has determined that the renewal of the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC) is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of the duties of the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard. This determination follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration. Accordingly, the Secretary has renewed the MERPAC charter.

DATES: The MERPAC charter was renewed on March 22, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mark Gould, Assistant Executive Director of MERPAC at (202) 267–6890.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Name of Committee:* The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC).

Purpose and Objectives: MERPAC is an advisory committee operating under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770, as amended). The Committee advises the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and the Commandant of the Coast Guard on matters relating to the training, qualification, licensing, certification, and fitness of seamen serving in the U.S. merchant marine. This notice and the charter are available on the Internet by going to *http://dms.dot.gov/search/searchFormSimple.cfm* and inserting "17580."

Balanced Membership Plans: The Committee consists of not more than 19 members as follows: nine active U.S. merchant mariners—including three deck officers, three engineering officers, two unlicensed seamen, and one pilot; six marine educators—including three from maritime academies and three from other maritime training institutions; two from shipping companies; and two from the general public.

Duration: Continuing.

Responsible DHS Official: Rear Admiral Thomas H. Gilmour, Commandant (G–M), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second St., SW., Washington, DC 20593–0001. His telephone number is 202–267–2200.

Dated: April 16, 2004.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security & Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG–2004–17495]

Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC) and its working groups will meet to discuss various issues relating to the training and fitness of merchant marine personnel. MERPAC advises the Secretary of Homeland Security on matters relating to the training, qualifications, licensing, and certification of seamen serving in the U.S. merchant marine. All meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: MERPAC will meet on Wednesday, June 2, 2004, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Thursday, June 3, 2004, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. These meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. Requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before May 19, 2004. Written material and requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee should reach the Coast Guard on or before May 19, 2004.

ADDRESSES: MERPAC will meet on both days in Room 2415 of the Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 Second St., SW., Washington, DC 20593. Further directions regarding the location of Coast Guard Headquarters may be obtained by contacting Mr. Mark Gould (202) 267–6890. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Commander Brian J. Peter, Commandant (G–MSO–1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593–0001. This notice is available on the Internet at *http://dms.dot.gov/search/searchFormSimple.cfm.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice, contact Commander Brian J. Peter, Executive Director of MERPAC, or Mr. Mark C. Gould, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202–267–6890, fax 202–267–4570, or e-mail *mgould@comdt.uscg.mil.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770, as amended).

Agenda of Meeting on June 2, 2004

The full committee will meet to discuss the objectives for the meeting. The committee will then break up into the following working groups as necessary: Task statement 30, concerning utilizing military sea service for STCW certifications; Task statement 36, concerning recommendations on a training program for officers in charge of an engineering watch coming up through the hawsepipe; Task statement 37, concerning credit for sea service on vessels with no, or limited, underway time; Task statement 38, concerning improvements to STCW certificates; Task statement 40, concerning methods to determine the date at which a mariner established competency in Basic Safety Training in light of National Maritime Policy Letter 12–01; Task statement 42, concerning recommendations on actual demonstrations of skills for masters and chief mates on ships of between 500 and 3,000 gross tonnage (ITC) on international and near-coastal voyages; Task statement 43, concerning recommendations on a training and assessment for able-bodied seamen on sea-going vessels in preparation for discussions of this issue at the Subcommittee on Standards of Training and Watchkeeping at the International Maritime Organization; and Task statement 44, concerning security training and certification for vessel personnel, vessel security officer, and

other vessel personnel. These task statements may be viewed at the MERPAC Web site at *http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/advisory/merpac/merpac.htm.*

New working groups may be formed to address issues proposed by the Coast Guard, MERPAC members, or the public. At the end of the day, the working groups will make a report to the full committee on what has been accomplished in their meetings. No action will be taken on these reports on this date.

Agenda of Meeting on June 3, 2004:

The agenda comprises the following:

(1) Introduction.

(2) Working Groups' Reports

(a) Task Statement 30, concerning Utilizing military sea service for STCW certifications.

(b) Task Statement 36, concerning Recommendations on a training program for officers in charge of an engineering watch coming up through the hawsepipe.

(c) Task Statement 37, concerning Credit for sea service on vessels with no, or limited, underway time.

(d) Task Statement 38, concerning Improvements to STCW Certificate.

(e) Task statement 40, concerning Qualifications in Basic Safety Training.

(f) Task statement 42, concerning Recommendations on actual demonstrations of skills for masters and chief mates on ships of between 500 and 3,000 gross tonnage (ITC) on international and near-coastal voyages.

(g) Task Statement 43, concerning Recommendations on a training and assessment program for able-bodied seamen on sea-going vessels.

(h) Task Statement 44, concerning Security training and certification for vessel personnel, vessel security officer, and other vessel personnel.

(i) Other task statements which may have been adopted for discussion and action.

(3) Other items to be discussed:

(a) Standing Committee—Prevention Through People.

(b) Briefings concerning on-going projects of interest to MERPAC.

(c) Other items brought up for discussion by the committee or the public.

Procedural

Both meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify the Executive Director no later than May 19, 2004. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than May 19, 2004. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of the meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than May 19, 2004.

Informalion on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Assistant Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: April 15, 2004.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA–1508–DR]

Maine; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Maine (FEMA–1508–DR), dated February 5, 2004, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 9, 2004.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Maine is hereby amended to include the following area among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of February 5, 2004:

Sagadahoc County for Public Assistance.

(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, Individual and Household Housing; 97.049, Individual and Household Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050 Individual and Household Program-Other Needs, 97.036, Public Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

Michael D. Brown,

Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA–1511–DR]

Federated States of Micronesia; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the Federated States of Micronesia (FEMA–1511–DR), dated April 10, 2004, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 10, 2004.

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, in a letter dated April 10, 2004, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121–5206 (the Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the Federated States of Micronesia resulting from Typhoon Sudal beginning on April 8, 2004, and continuing is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121–5206 (the Stafford Act). I, therefore, declare that such a major disaster exists in the Federated States of Micronesia.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide assistance for debris removal and emergency protective