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Interagency Coordinating Committee on Oil Pollution Research (ICCOPR) Public Meeting Notice Published

The U.S. Coast Guard announced today the Federal Register publication of a notice announcing a public meeting in New Orleans, LA in November 2010 to hear comments on the priorities of oil pollution research, including projects related to the Deepwater Horizon incident and the Arctic environment.

The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) established the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Oil Pollution Research (ICCOPR). The ICCOPR was commissioned with 13 member agencies and is chaired by the Coast Guard. The Federal Oil Pollution Research and Development (R&D) Technology Plan defines the roles of each federal agency involved in oil spill research and development. The current version of the plan is in need of revision and the ICCOPR is coordinating an update during the next two fiscal years. Public comments from this meeting will help to inform the update of the plan.

The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, Pisces Room, Canal Street at the River, #1 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130.

The Notice may be viewed at http://www.regulations.gov, docket number: USCG-2010-0212.

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