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## Nationwide Differential Global Positioning System (NDGPS)

Today the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) published a *Federal Register* notice announcing the USCG and the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA) are analyzing the current and future user needs and requirements of the Nationwide Differential Global Positioning System (NDGPS). The NDGPS was designed to broadcast signals to improve the accuracy and integrity of the Global Positioning System (GPS) derived positions for surface transportation, as well as other civil, commercial, scientific, and homeland security applications. This analysis will be used to support future NDGPS investment decisions by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the DOT beyond fiscal year 2016. The notice seeks comments from federal, state, and local agencies, as well as other interested members of the public regarding current and future use of the NDGPS, the need to retain the NDGPS, the impact if NDGPS signals were not available, alternatives to the NDGPS, and alternative uses for the existing NDGPS infrastructure.

The notice may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov> docket number: USCG-2013-0054. The public comment period closes 90 days from today.

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