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TITLE: Shipping Coordinating Committee, Notice of Public Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2016, in room 7K15-01 of the Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building at St. Elizabeth's, 2703 Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue SE, Washington, DC, 20593. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the Seventieth session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Marine Environment Protection Committee to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, October 24-28, 2016.

The agenda items to be considered include:

- Adoption of the agenda
- Decisions of other bodies
- Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments
- Harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water
- Air pollution and energy efficiency

- Further technical and operational measures for enhancing the energy efficiency of international shipping
- Reduction of GHG emissions from ships
- Identification and protection of Special Areas and PSSAs
- Pollution prevention and response (report of the third session of the Sub-Committee)
- Reports of other sub-committees
- Technical cooperation activities for the protection of the marine environment
- Capacity building for the implementation of new measures
- Analysis and consideration of recommendations to reduce administrative burdens in IMO instruments as identified by the SG-RAR
- Application of the Committees' Guidelines
- Work programme of the Committee and subsidiary bodies
- Any other business
- Consideration of the report of the Committee

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Upon request to the meeting coordinator, members of the public

may also participate via teleconference. To facilitate the building security process, and to request reasonable accommodation, those who plan to attend should contact the meeting coordinator, LCDR Tiffany Duffy, by e-mail at tiffany.a.duffy@uscg.mil, by phone at (202) 372-1376, or in writing at 2703 Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue SE Stop 7509, Washington, DC, 20593-7509 not later than October 6, 2016. Requests made after October 6, 2016 might not be able to be accommodated. Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Coast Guard Headquarters building. It is recommended that attendees arrive to the Headquarters building no later than 30 minutes ahead of the scheduled meeting for the security screening process. The building is accessible by taxi, public transportation, and privately owned conveyance (upon request). Additional information regarding this and other SHC public meetings may be found at: www.uscg.mil/imo.

Dated: August 12, 2016

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