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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2008-0010]

#### Board of Visitors for the National Fire Academy

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Committee Management; Notice of Open Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Board of Visitors for the National Fire Academy (Board) will meet on September 22-23, 2015, in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 22, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time and on Wednesday, September 23, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Please note that the meeting may close early if the Board has completed its business.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the National Emergency Training Center, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Building H, Room 300, Emmitsburg, Maryland. Members of the public who wish to obtain details on how to gain access to the facility and directions may contact Ruth MacPhail as listed in the

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by close of business September 15, 2015. Picture identification is needed for access. Members of the public may also participate by teleconference and may contact Ruth MacPhail to obtain the call-in number and access code. For information on services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance, contact Ruth MacPhail as soon as possible.

To facilitate public participation, we are inviting public comment on the issues to be considered by the Board as listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. Comments must be submitted in writing no later than September 15, 2015, must be identified by Docket ID FEMA-2008-0010 and may be submitted by *one* of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Email: [FEMA-RULES@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-RULES@fema.dhs.gov). Include the docket number in the subject line of the message.

- Mail/Hand Delivery: Ruth MacPhail, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and the Docket ID for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received by the National Fire Academy Board of Visitors, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, click on "Advanced Search," then enter "FEMA-2008-0010" in the "By Docket ID" box, then select "FEMA" under "By Agency," and then click "Search." Meeting materials will be posted at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/about/bov.shtm> by September 15, 2015.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

*Alternate Designated Federal Officer:* Kirby E. Kiefer, telephone (301) 447-1117, email [Kirby.Kiefer@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Kirby.Kiefer@fema.dhs.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board of Visitors for the National Fire Academy (Board) will meet on Tuesday, September 22, and Wednesday, September 23, 2015. The meeting will be open to the public. Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix.

#### Purpose of the Board

The purpose of the Board is to review annually the programs of the National Fire Academy (NFA) and advise the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the United States Fire Administrator, on the operation of the NFA and any improvements therein that the Board deems appropriate. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Board examines NFA programs to determine whether these programs further the basic missions that are approved by the Administrator of FEMA, examines the physical plant of the NFA to determine the adequacy of the NFA's facilities, and examines the funding levels for NFA programs. The Board submits a written annual report through the United States Fire Administrator to the Administrator of FEMA. The report provides detailed comments and recommendations regarding the operation of the NFA.

#### Agenda

On the first day of the meeting, there will be five sessions, with deliberations

and voting at the end of each session as necessary. The Board will also select a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for Fiscal Year 2016.

1. The Board will receive updates on U.S. Fire Administration data, research, and response support initiatives.

2. The Board will then deliberate and vote on recommendations on NFA program activities, including:

- The Managing Officer Program, a multiyear curriculum that introduced emerging emergency services leaders to personal and professional skills in change management, risk reduction, and adaptive leadership; a progress report on this new program will be discussed;
- Report of the Executive Fire Officer Program (EFOP) Symposium held September 10-12, 2015; an annual event for alumni which recognizes outstanding applied research completed by present EFOP participants, recognizes recent EFOP graduates, provides high-quality presentations offered by private and public sector representatives, facilitates networking between EFOP graduates, promotes further dialog between EFOP graduates and U.S. Fire Administrator and National Fire Academy faculty and staff.

- Curriculum and Instruction program activities;

- Status of Staff Vacancies and Challenges;

- Resident class enrollment increase.
- Report of the Annual National Professional Development Symposium and Support Initiatives, held June 10-12, 2015, which brought national training and education audiences together for their annual conference and support initiatives.

3. The Board will then discuss deferred maintenance and capital improvements on the National Emergency Training Center campus and Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Request/Budget Planning.

4. The Board will then receive annual ethics training.

5. The Board will also conduct classroom visits.

On the second day, the Board will continue classroom visits, as well as tour the campus facility. The Board will then engage in an annual report writing session. Deliberations or voting may occur as needed during the report writing session.

There will be a 10-minute comment period after each agenda item; each speaker will be given no more than 2 minutes to speak. Please note that the public comment period may end before the time indicated, following the last call for comments. Contact Ruth MacPhail to register as a speaker.

Dated: August 28, 2015.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[CIS No. 2570-15; DHS Docket No. USCIS-2015-0005]

RIN 1615-ZB41

### Designation of the Republic of Yemen for Temporary Protected Status

**AGENCY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Through this Notice, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announces that the Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) has designated the Republic of Yemen (Yemen) for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for a period of 18 months, effective September 3, 2015, through March 3, 2017. Under section 244(b)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(1)(A), the Secretary is authorized to designate a foreign state (or any part thereof) for TPS upon finding that there is an ongoing armed conflict within the foreign state and, due to such conflict, requiring the return of nationals of the state would pose a serious threat to their personal safety.

This designation allows eligible Yemeni nationals (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Yemen) who have continuously resided in the United States since September 3, 2015, and have been continuously physically present in the United States since September 3, 2015 to be granted TPS. This Notice also describes the other eligibility criteria applicants must meet.

Individuals who believe they may qualify for TPS under this designation may apply within the 180-day registration period that begins on September 3, 2015, and ends on March 1, 2016. They may also apply for Employment Authorization Documents (EAD) and for travel authorization. Through this Notice, DHS also sets forth the procedures for nationals of Yemen (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Yemen) to apply

for TPS, EADs, and travel authorization with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

**DATES:** This designation of Yemen for TPS is effective on September 3, 2015, and will remain in effect through March 3, 2017. The 180-day registration period for eligible individuals to submit TPS applications begins September 3, 2015, and will remain in effect through March 1, 2016.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

- For further information on TPS, including guidance on the application process and additional information on eligibility, please visit the USCIS TPS Web page at <http://www.uscis.gov/tps>. You can find specific information about Yemen's TPS designation by selecting "TPS Designated Country: Yemen" from the menu on the left of the TPS Web page.

- You can also contact the TPS Operations Program Manager at the Waivers and Temporary Services Branch, Service Center Operations Directorate, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529-2060; or by phone at (202) 272-1533 (this is not a toll-free number). Note: The phone number provided here is solely for questions regarding this TPS Notice. It is not for individual case status inquires.

- Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS Web site at <http://www.uscis.gov>, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 800-375-5283 (TTY 800-767-1833).

- Further information will also be available at local USCIS offices upon publication of this Notice.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Table of Abbreviations

BIA—Board of Immigration Appeals  
DHS—Department of Homeland Security  
EAD—Employment Authorization Document  
FNC—Final Nonconfirmation  
Government—U.S. Government  
IJ—Immigration Judge  
INA—Immigration and Nationality Act  
OSC—U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices  
SAVE—USCIS Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Program  
Secretary—Secretary of Homeland Security  
TNC—Tentative Nonconfirmation  
TPS—Temporary Protected Status  
TTY—Text Telephone  
UN—United Nations  
USCIS—U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

### What is Temporary Protected Status (TPS)?

- TPS is a temporary immigration status granted to eligible nationals of a country designated for TPS under the INA, or to eligible persons without nationality who last habitually resided in the designated country.

- During the TPS designation period, TPS beneficiaries are eligible to remain in the United States, may not be removed, and are authorized to work and to obtain EADs, so long as they continue to meet the requirements of TPS.

- TPS beneficiaries may be granted travel authorization as a matter of discretion.

- The granting of TPS does not result in or lead to lawful permanent resident status.

- To qualify for TPS, beneficiaries must meet the eligibility standards at INA section 244(c)(2), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(c)(2).

- When the Secretary terminates a country's TPS designation, beneficiaries return to the same immigration status they maintained before TPS, if any (unless that status has since expired or been terminated), or to any other lawfully obtained immigration status they received while registered for TPS.

### What authority does the Secretary have to designate Yemen for TPS?

Section 244(b)(1) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(1), authorizes the Secretary, after consultation with appropriate U.S. Government (Government) agencies, to designate a foreign state (or part thereof) for TPS if the Secretary finds that certain country conditions exist.<sup>1</sup> The Secretary can designate a foreign state for TPS if the Secretary determines that one or more of three bases exist. One basis is if the Secretary finds that ". . . that there is an ongoing armed conflict within the state and, due to such conflict, requiring the return of aliens who are nationals of that state to that state (or to the part of the state) would pose a serious threat to their personal safety . . ." INA section 244(b)(1)(A), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(1)(A).

Following the designation of a foreign state for TPS, the Secretary may then grant TPS to eligible nationals of that foreign state (or eligible aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided

<sup>1</sup> As of March 1, 2003, in accordance with section 1517 of title XV of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Public Law 107-296, 116 Stat. 2135, any reference to the Attorney General in a provision of the INA describing functions transferred from the Department of Justice to DHS "shall be deemed to refer to the Secretary" of Homeland Security. See 6 U.S.C. 557 (codifying the Homeland Security Act of 2002, tit. XV, section 1517).