

efforts that are consistent with the mission of the Federal parties to the CRADA. The Federal party or parties agree with one or more non-Federal parties to share research resources, but the Federal party does not contribute funding.

CRADAs are not procurement contracts. Care is taken to ensure that CRADAs are not used to circumvent the contracting process. CRADAs have a specific purpose and should not be confused with procurement contracts, grants, and other type of agreements.

Under the proposed CRADA, the R&D Center will collaborate with one non-Federal participant. Together, the R&D Center and the non-Federal participant will collect information/data for performance, reliability, maintenance requirements, human systems integration and other data on Troposcatter communications technologies. After an initial installation and training, the Coast Guard plans to evaluate designated platforms outfitted with the communications technologies for a period of one week.

We anticipate the Coast Guard's contributions under the proposed CRADA will include the following:

(1) Develop the Demonstration Pilot Assessment Plan to meet the objectives of the CRADA with a diverse set of real-life mission scenarios.

(2) Provide the pilot demonstration support in and around Nome, AK.

(3) Coordinate Pilot demonstration network connectivity between various internet protocol (IP) systems.

(4) Collaborate with non-Federal partners to prepare demonstration documentation including equipment assessments, final report(s), and briefings.

We anticipate that the non-Federal participant's contributions under the proposed CRADA will include the following:

(1) Assist the R&D Center in the development and drafting of all CRADA documents, including the pilot demonstration assessment plan, equipment assessments, final report(s), and briefings.

(2) Provide and maintain the troposcatter communications equipment to ensure the communications link is usable.

(3) Secure, with R&D Center assistance, Special Temporary Authority (STA) to employ the equipment within the desired frequency bands.

(4) Provide technical support, training and maintenance throughout the period of performance to ensure maximum availability and utility of the networks.

The Coast Guard reserves the right to select for CRADA participants all, some,

or no proposals submitted for this CRADA. The Coast Guard will provide no funding for reimbursement of proposal development costs. Proposals and any other material submitted in response to this notice will not be returned. Proposals submitted are expected to be unclassified and have no more than five single-sided pages (excluding cover page, DD 1494, JF-12, etc.). The Coast Guard will select proposals at its sole discretion on the basis of:

(1) How well they communicate an understanding of, and ability to meet, the proposed CRADA's goal; and

(2) How well they address the following criteria:

(a) Technical capability to support the non-Federal party contributions described; and

(b) Resources available for supporting the non-Federal party contributions described.

Currently, the Coast Guard is considering Comtech Systems, Inc. for participation in this CRADA. This consideration is based on the fact that Comtech Systems has demonstrated its technical ability as the developer, manufacturer, and integrator of troposcatter transmission equipment. However, we do not wish to exclude other viable participants from this or future similar CRADAs.

This is a technology assessment effort. The goal for the Coast Guard of this CRADA is to better understand the advantages, disadvantages, required technology enhancements, performance, costs, and other issues associated with troposcatter transmission. Special consideration will be given to small business firms/consortia, and preference will be given to business units located in the U.S. This notice is issued under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 552(a).

Dated: March 24, 2016.

**Captain Dennis C. Evans,**

*USCG, Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Research and Development Center.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

**[Docket No. USCG-2016-0301]**

### Navigation Safety Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Navigation Safety Advisory Council will meet in

Arlington, Virginia to discuss matters relating to maritime collisions, rammings, and groundings, Inland Rules of the Road, International Rules of the Road, navigation regulations and equipment, routing measures, marine information, diving safety, and aids to navigation systems. These meetings will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The Navigation Safety Advisory Council will meet on Wednesday, May 4, 2016, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and on Thursday, May 5, 2016, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please note these meetings may close early if the Council has completed its business.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston, 4610 Fairfax Drive, Arlington VA 22203. <https://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/arlington/wasfx/hotel/detail/directions>

For information on the meeting facility or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Mr. Burt Lahn listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below as soon as possible.

To facilitate public participation, we are inviting public comment on the issues to be considered by the Council as listed in the "Agenda" section below. Written comments for distribution to the Council members must be submitted no later than April 26, 2016 if you want Council members to be able to review your comments before the meeting, and must be identified by the docket number, USCG-2016-0301. Written comments may be submitted using Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. If your material cannot be submitted using <http://www.regulations.gov>, contact Mr. Lahn for alternate instructions.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and the docket number for this action, USCG 2016-0301. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may review a Privacy Act notice regarding the Federal Docket Management System in the March 24, 2005, issue of the **Federal Register** (70 FR 15086).

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read documents or comments related to this notice, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> insert USCG-2016-0301 in the Search box, press Enter, and then click on the item you wish to view.

A public comment period will be held during the meeting on May 4, 2016,

from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on May 5, 2016, prior to the close of the meeting. Public presentations may also be given. Speakers are requested to limit their presentation and comments to 10 minutes. Please note that the public comment period may end before the time indicated, following the last call for comments. To register as a speaker, contact Mr. Burt Lahn listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions about these meetings, please contact Mr. George Detweiler, the Navigation Safety Advisory Council Alternate Designated Federal Officer, Commandant (CG–NAV–2), U.S. Coast Guard, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE., Stop 7418, Washington, DC 20593, telephone 202–372–1566 or email *George.H.Detweiler@uscg.mil* or Mr. Burt Lahn, Commandant (CG–NAV–2), U.S. Coast Guard, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE., Stop 7418, Washington, DC 20593, at telephone 202–372–1526 or email *Burt.A.Lahn@uscg.mil*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Title 5 United States Code, Appendix.

The Navigation Safety Advisory Council is an advisory committee authorized in 33 U.S.C. 2073 and chartered under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The Navigation Safety Advisory Council provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary, through the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, on matters relating to prevention of maritime collisions, ramming, and groundings, Inland and International Rules of the Road, navigation regulations and equipment, routing measures, marine information, diving safety, and aids to navigation systems.

**Agenda**

Wednesday, May 4, 2016: The Navigation Safety Advisory Council will receive presentations on the following topics:

(1) National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration—Future of Navigation Strategy: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Office of Coast Survey will provide a briefing on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Future of Navigation Strategy;

(2) Coast Guard Future of Navigation initiative: The Council will receive an update on this ongoing initiative that leverages technology in order to optimize the mix of electronic and visual aids to navigation;

(3) Electronic Charting Systems: The Coast Guard will provide an update on the use of Electronic Charting Systems, and brief the Council on the recently published Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular 01–16; which outlines the use of Electronic Charts and publications in lieu of paper charts, maps, and publications; and

(4) Port Access Route Studies. The Coast Guard will provide an update on Port Access Route Studies. The presentation will include the final report from the Atlantic Coast Port Access Route Study, an update from the ongoing Bering Straights Port Access Route Study, and a briefing on the recently initiated Nantucket Sound Port Access Route Study.

Following the above presentations, the Designated Federal Officer will form subcommittees to continue discussions on the following task statements:

- (1) Navigation Safety Advisory Council Task 15–01 Unmanned Maritime Systems Best Practices;
- (2) Navigation Safety Advisory Council Task 15–04 Discontinuance of an Aid to Navigation; and
- (3) Navigation Safety Advisory Council Task 15–05 Electronic Chart Systems.

Public comments or questions will be taken during the meeting as the Council discusses each issue and prior to the Council formulating recommendations on each issue. There will also be a public comment period at the end of the meeting.

*Thursday, May 5, 2016*

- (1) Subcommittee discussions continued from Wednesday, May 4, 2016;
- (2) Subcommittee reports presented to the Council;
- (3) New Business; and
  - a. Summary of Navigation Safety Advisory Council action items.
  - b. Schedule next meeting date—Fall, 2016.
  - c. Council discussions and acceptance of new tasks.

A public comment period will be held after the discussion of new tasks. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to 10 minutes each. Public comments or questions will be taken at the discretion of the Designated Federal Officer during the discussion and recommendations, and new business portion of the meeting. Please contact Mr. Lahn, listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section, to register as a speaker.

Dated: April 13, 2016.

**D.C Barata,**  
*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Director,  
Marine Transportation Systems.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**U.S. Customs and Border Protection**

**Approval of AmSpec Services, LLC, as a Commercial Gauger**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice of approval of AmSpec Services, LLC, as a commercial gauger.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that AmSpec Services, LLC, has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes for the next three years as of August 13, 2015.

**DATES:** *Effective:* The approval of AmSpec Services, LLC, as commercial gauger became effective on August 13, 2015. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for August 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Approved Gauger and Accredited Laboratories Manager, Laboratories and Scientific Services Directorate, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite 1500N, Washington, DC 20229, tel. 202–344–1060.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to 19 CFR 151.13, that AmSpec Services, LLC, 2308 East Burton St., Sulphur, LA 70663, has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.13. AmSpec Services, LLC is approved for the following gauging procedures for petroleum and certain petroleum products from the American Petroleum Institute (API):

API chapters	Title
3 .....	Tank Gauging.
7 .....	Temperature Determination.
8 .....	Sampling.
11 .....	Physical Properties.
12 .....	Calculations.
17 .....	Maritime Measurement.

Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct gauger services should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is approved by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to