

to be associated with cell phone use could be a widespread public health concern. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) nominated cell phone radiofrequency radiation for NTP study because (a) widespread human exposure is possible, (b) current exposure guidelines are based largely on protection from acute injury due to thermal effects, (c) little is known about the potential health effects of long-term exposure to radiofrequency radiation, and (d) currently available human studies have found limited evidence of an increased risk of cancer from cell phone use.

NTP studied in rats and mice the effects of exposure to cell phone radiofrequency radiation from two system modulations: Global System for Mobile Communications and Code Division Multiple Access. NTP released the "Report of Partial Findings from the National Toxicology Program Carcinogenesis Studies of Cell Phone Radiofrequency Radiation in Hsd: Sprague Dawley SD Rats (Whole Body Exposure)" in May 2016 (<https://doi.org/10.1101/055699>). The partial findings will be included in the draft NTP technical report for rats. The two draft NTP technical reports present results for all NTP studies on rats and mice on the toxicity and carcinogenicity of cell phone-emitted radiofrequency radiation.

**Meeting Attendance Registration:** The meeting is open to the public with time set aside for oral public comment; in-person attendance at the NIEHS is limited by the space available (~100 attendees). Registration for in-person attendance is on a first-come, first-served basis, and registrants will be assigned a number in their confirmation email. After the first 100 registrants, persons will be placed on a wait list and notified should an opening become available. Registration to attend the meeting in-person or view the webcast is by March 28, 2018, at <https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/36051>. The URL for the webcast will be provided in the email confirming registration. Visitor and security information for those attending in person is available at <https://www.niehs.nih.gov/about/visiting/index.cfm>. Individuals with disabilities who need accommodation to view the webcast should contact Camden Byrd by phone: (919) 293-1660 or email: [NTP-Meetings@icf.com](mailto:NTP-Meetings@icf.com). TTY users should contact the Federal TTY Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Requests should be made at least five business days in advance of the event.

**Public Comment Registration:** NTP invites written and oral public comments on the draft NTP technical

reports. Guidelines for public comments are available at [https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/ntp/about\\_ntp/guidelines\\_public\\_comments\\_508.pdf](https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/ntp/about_ntp/guidelines_public_comments_508.pdf).

The deadline for submission of written comments is March 12, 2018. Written public comments should be submitted through the meeting website. Persons submitting written comments should include name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, email, and sponsoring organization (if any). Written comments received in response to this notice will be posted on the NTP website, and the submitter will be identified by name, affiliation, and sponsoring organization (if any). Comments that address scientific or technical issues will be forwarded to the peer-review panel and NTP staff prior to the meeting.

Registration to provide oral comments is on or before March 12, 2018, at <https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/36051>. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, and registrants will be assigned a number in their confirmation email. Oral comments may be presented in person at NIEHS or by teleconference line. The access number for the teleconference line will be provided to registrants by email prior to the meeting. Each organization is allowed one time slot per comment period. The agenda allows for two public comment periods: The first comment period on the exposure system (12 commenters, up to 5 minutes per speaker), and the second comment period on the NTP findings in rats and mice (24 commenters, up to 5 minutes per speaker). After the maximum number of speakers per comment period is exceeded, individuals registered to provide oral comment will be placed on a wait list and notified should an opening become available. Commenters will be notified after March 12, 2018, the deadline to register for oral public comments, about the actual time allotted per speaker.

If possible, oral public commenters should send a copy of their slides and/or statement or talking points to Camden Byrd by email: [NTP-Meetings@icf.com](mailto:NTP-Meetings@icf.com) by March 12, 2018.

**Meeting Materials:** The two draft NTP technical reports and preliminary agenda will be available on the NTP website at <https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/36051>. The draft NTP technical reports should be available by February 2, 2018. Additional information will be posted when available or may be requested in hardcopy, contact Camden Byrd by phone: (919) 293-1660 or email: [NTP-Meetings@icf.com](mailto:NTP-Meetings@icf.com). The preliminary meeting agenda is available on the meeting web page and will be updated one week before the meeting.

Individuals are encouraged to access the meeting web page to stay abreast of the most current information regarding the meeting.

Following the meeting, a report of the peer review will be prepared and made available on the NTP website.

**Background Information on NTP Peer-Review Panels:** NTP panels are technical, scientific advisory bodies established on an "as needed" basis to provide independent scientific peer review and advise NTP on agents of public health concern, new/revised toxicological test methods, or other issues. These panels help ensure transparent, unbiased, and scientifically rigorous input to the program for its use in making credible decisions about human hazard, setting research and testing priorities, and providing information to regulatory agencies about alternative methods for toxicity screening. NTP welcomes nominations of scientific experts for upcoming panels. Scientists interested in serving on an NTP panel should provide their current curriculum vitae to Camden Byrd by email: [NTP-Meetings@icf.com](mailto:NTP-Meetings@icf.com). The authority for NTP panels is provided by 42 U.S.C. 217a; section 222 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. The panel is governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2018-0004]

### Area Maritime Security Advisory Committee (AMSC), Eastern Great Lakes and Regional Sub-Committee Vacancies

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Solicitation for membership.

**SUMMARY:** This notice requests individuals interested in serving on the Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC), Eastern Great Lakes, and the four regional sub-committees: Northeast Ohio Region, Northwestern Pennsylvania Region, Western New York Region, and Eastern New York Region submit their applications for

membership to the Federal Maritime Security Coordinator (FMSC), Buffalo. The Committee assists the FMSC, Buffalo, in developing, reviewing, and updating the Area Maritime Security Plan for their area of responsibility.

**DATES:** Requests for membership should reach the FMSC, Buffalo, on February 28, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications for membership should be submitted to the following address: Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, Buffalo, Attention: CDR Karen Jones, 1 Fuhrmann Boulevard, Buffalo, NY 14203-3189.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions about submitting an application, or about the AMSC in general, contact:

For the Northeast Ohio Region Sub-Committee Executive Coordinator: Mr. Peter Killmer at 216-937-0136.

For the Northwestern Pennsylvania Region Sub-Committee Executive Coordinator: Mr. Joseph Fetscher at 216-937-0126.

For the Western New York Region Sub-Committee Executive Coordinator: Mr. Shawn Larrabee at 716-843-9549.

For the Eastern New York Region Sub-Committee Executive Coordinator: Mr. Ralph Kring at 315-343-1217.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority**

Section 102 of the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-295) added section 70112 to Title 46 of the U.S. Code, and authorized the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating to establish Area Maritime Security Advisory Committees for any port area of the United States. (See 33 U.S.C. 1226; 46 U.S.C.; 33 CFR 1.05-1, 6.01; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1). The MTSA includes a provision exempting these AMSCs from the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-436, 86 Stat. 470 (5 U.S.C. App.2). The AMSCs shall assist the FMSC in the development, review, update, and exercising of the Area Maritime Security Plan for their area of responsibility. Such matters may include, but are not limited to: Identifying critical port infrastructure and operations; identifying risks (threats, vulnerabilities, and consequences); determining mitigation strategies and implementation methods; developing and describing the process to continually evaluate overall port security by considering consequences and vulnerabilities, how they may change over time, and what additional

mitigation strategies can be applied; and providing advice to, and assisting the FMSC in developing and maintaining the Area Maritime Security Plan.

**AMSC Membership**

Members of the AMSC should have at least five years of expertise related to maritime or port security operations. We are seeking to fill the following vacancies with this submission:

(A) Northeast Ohio Region Sub-Committee (no new members): No applications are being taken for this Sub-Committee at this time.

(B) Northwestern Pennsylvania Region Sub-Committee (no new members): No applications are being taken for this Sub-Committee at this time.

(C) Western New York Region Sub-Committee (no new members): No applications are being taken for this Sub-Committee at this time.

(D) Eastern New York Region Sub-Committee (2 members): Executive Board member to serve as (one) Chairperson of the Sub-Committee and concurrently as member of the Eastern Great Lakes AMSC when so convened by the FMSC, and (one) Vice Chairperson.

Applicants may be required to pass an appropriate security background check prior to appointment to the Committee. Applicants must register with and remain active as Coast Guard HOMEPORT users if appointed. Members' terms of office will be for five years; however, a member is eligible to serve additional terms of office. Members will not receive any salary or other compensation for their service on an AMSC. In accordance with 33 CFR 103, members may be selected from the Federal, Territorial, or Tribal governments; the State government and political subdivisions of the State; local public safety, crisis management, and emergency response agencies; law enforcement and security organizations; maritime industry, including labor; other port stakeholders having a special competence in maritime security; and port stakeholders affected by security practices and policies.

The Department of Homeland Security does not discriminate in selection of Committee members on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disability and genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, or any other non-merit factor. The Department of Homeland Security strives to achieve a widely diverse candidate pool for all of its recruitment actions.

*Request for Applications:* Those seeking membership are not required to submit formal applications to the local FMSC, however, because we do have an obligation to ensure that a specific number of members have the prerequisite maritime security experience, we encourage the submission of resumes highlighting experience in the maritime and security industries.

Dated: January 9, 2018.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Coast Guard**

[Docket No. USCG-2017-1073]

**Certificate of Alternative Compliance for M/V NORDLAND II (O.N. 1274463)**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard announces that a Certificate of Alternative Compliance from the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS) was issued for M/V NORDLAND II (O.N. 1274463). We are issuing this notice because it is required by statute. The M/V NORDLAND II is a vessel of special purpose that, with respect to the position of the lighting, it is not possible to comply fully with the requirements of the 72 COLREGS, without interfering with the normal operation, construction, or design of the vessel. The issuance of the certificate of alternate compliance promotes maritime safety and stewardship missions.

**DATES:** The Certificate of Alternative Compliance was issued on December 20, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions on this notice, call Lieutenant B. Luke Woods, Thirteenth Coast Guard District, Prevention Branch, U.S. Coast Guard, telephone 206-220-7232.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A Certificate of Alternative Compliance, as allowed under the provisions of the Alternative Compliance Regulations (33 CFR 81 and 89), has been issued for the M/V NORDLAND II (O.N. 1274463). The vessel's primary purpose is as a work boat. The unique design of the vessel did not lend itself to full compliance with Annex I, of the 72 COLREGS and