

significant reduction in the risk of a discharge of oil.

We must then determine if both—

- The owner of the tank vessel has entered into a binding agreement to alter the tank vessel in a shipyard in the United States to reduce the gross tonnage of the tank vessel by converting a portion of the cargo tanks of the vessel into PL/SBT; and
- The conversion will result in a significant reduction in the risk of a discharge of oil.

Section 3703a requires that we must then provide public notice and a sixty-day comment period on each application before we can issue a waiver.

Alterations under this waiver must be completed by the later of either July 1, 1999, or the date of the vessel's next special hull survey after November 18, 1997.

Application for the R.T.C. 90

Our records show that the Reinauer Transportation Companies (RTC) tank vessel R.T.C. 90, Official Number 625082, is a U.S. certificated single hull oil tank barge which was built in 1980. The barge was originally admeasured with a gross tonnage of 5,455. According to 46 U.S.C. 3703a(c)(3), the barge's double hull compliance date is January 1, 2005.

With an approved waiver, RTC will reduce its vessel's gross tonnage to less than 5,000 gross tons (GT). Its new double hull compliance date under § 3703a(e) would be January 1, 2008.

The application from RTC meets the requirements for a waiver under § 3703a(e) by having provided the following:

- Waiver application for the tank vessel R.T.C. 90, received on December 19, 1997;
- "Statement of Attestation" that the R.T.C. 90's gross tonnage was not reduced by a contract or shipyard alteration on or before July 1, 1997;
- Copy of its repair contract with Caddell Drydock and Repair Company Inc, of Staten Island, New York, to complete the modifications to the R.T.C. 90 by installing a new bulkhead at frame 6 and converting the spaces forward of this bulkhead to PL/SBT for the vessel's reduction of tonnage; and
- Appropriate supplementary materials.

Based on the supplementary materials provided by RTC for the tank vessel R.T.C. 90, we have determined the following:

- RTC can complete the tank barge modifications before September 2000, the date of the vessel's next classification society special survey.

- RTC's probabilistic oil outflow signature of the proposed vessel modifications will reduce the EOS by 21%.

RTC's complete waiver application has been placed in the docket for public review at the address under **ADDRESSES**. We will consider all comments received during the comment period before taking final action on the RTC waiver application for the modification and reduction of tonnage to the tank vessel R.T.C. 90.

Dated: April 25, 1999.

R.G. North,

Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement on the Potomac Consolidated Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) Facility

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Potomac Consolidated TRACON.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has released a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for construction of a new Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) facility in the Baltimore-Washington area. The proposed action is to consolidate four stand-alone TRACONs located at Baltimore-Washington International Airport, Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, and Washington Dulles International Airport; and the FAA operated TRACON located at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland. The new Potomac Consolidated TRACON (PCT) would be located at a site in Northern Virginia. The preferred site is at the former Vint Hill Farms Station near Warrenton, VA.

DATES: Written comments on the FEIS will be accepted until June 1, 1999. Written comments may be sent to: FAA Potomac TRACON Project, c/o Mr. Fred Bankert, PRC Inc., 12005 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20191-3423.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Joseph Champley, Project Support Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, (800) 762-9531, Email:joe.champley@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A TRACON facility provides radar air traffic control services to aircraft operating on Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) and Visual Flight Rules (VFR) procedures generally beyond 5 miles and within 50 miles of the host airport at altitudes from the surface to approximately 17,000 feet. These distances and altitudes may vary depending on local conditions and infrastructural constraints such as adequate radar and radio frequency coverage. The primary function of the TRACON is to provide a variety of air traffic control services to arrival, departure, and transient aircraft within its assigned airspace. These services include aircraft separation, in flight traffic advisories and navigational assistance. The four existing TRACON facilities provide terminal radar air traffic control services to the four major airports and a number of small reliever airports located within the Baltimore-Washington area.

In accordance with regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act, a range of alternatives is considered in the FEIS including replacement or refurbishment of three of the four existing TRACONs, partial consolidation, No Action and full consolidation. The full consolidation alternative would not cause significant environmental impact in any of the 23 impact categories assessed.

Since there was minimal comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement during the 45-day comment period, the entire document has not been republished. Copies of the comments and responses are available for review at major libraries in the study area. A summary of the FEIS can be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.faa.gov/ats/potomac>.

Dated: April 19, 1999 in Washington, DC.

John Mayrhofer,

Director, TRACON Development Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44

U.S.C. et seq.), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on February 12, 1999, [64 FR 7233].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 2, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Crawford Ellerbe, Office of Maritime Labor, Training, and Safety, Maritime Administration, MAR-250, Room 7302, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-2643 or fax 202-493-2288. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Regulations for Making Excess or Surplus Federal Property Available to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, State Maritime Academies, and Approved Nonprofit Maritime Training Institutions.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0504.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: Maritime training institutions interested in acquiring the excess or surplus property from MARAD.

Form Number(s): None.

Abstract: In accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12959, MARAD requires approved maritime training institutions seeking excess or surplus property to provide a statement of need/justification prior to acquiring the excess or surplus property. The information provided is used by MARAD officials to determine compliance with applicable statutory requirements.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 120 Hours.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20502, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

Comments Are Invited On: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the

burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Dated: April 27, 1999.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Announcement of Open Membership Application Period for the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

SUMMARY: In 1991 the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) established the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC) at the request of the United States Congress. The primary purpose of IRPAC is to provide an organized public forum for discussion of relevant information reporting issues between officials of the IRS and representatives of the payer community. IRPAC offers constructive observations about current or proposed policies, programs, and procedures, and when necessary, suggests ways to improve the operation of the Information Reporting Program. IRPAC is currently comprised of 20 representatives from various segments of the private-sector payer community. About half of these appointments to IRPAC will expire at the end of 1999. Additional members will be selected for two-year terms beginning in January 2000. The IRS is interested in representation from different areas of the payer community.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: IRPAC reports to the National Director, Office of Specialty Taxes, who is the executive responsible for ensuring and facilitating compliance by payers with information reporting requirements. IRPAC is instrumental in providing advice to enhance the IRP Program. Increasing participation by external stakeholders in the planning and improvement of the tax system will help achieve the goals of increasing voluntary compliance, reducing burden, and improving customer service. IRPAC members are not paid for their time or services, but consistent with Federal regulations, they will be reimbursed for their travel

and lodging expenses to attend two public meetings each year. IRPAC members are expected to attend and pay their own way to four working sessions each year, which are generally held in Washington, DC. Occasionally, a meeting will be held in New York, NY; Martinsburg, WV; Austin, TX; or elsewhere.

Anyone wishing to be considered for membership on IRPAC should so advise the IRS. Please complete the following application questionnaire (or a facsimile thereof prepared on a word processor), and forward it to Ms. Kate LaBuda of the Office Payer Compliance, at the address below.

ADDRESSES: Internal Revenue Service, OP:EX:ST:PC, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 2013, Washington, DC 20224.

DATES: Completed questionnaires (or facsimiles) should be received by IRS no later than Friday, June 3, 1999. Questionnaires received after this date will not be considered. An acknowledgment letter will be sent upon receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To have a copy of the application questionnaire mailed or faxed to you, please call Ms. Gloria Wilson at 202-622-4393 (not a toll-free number). For general information about the application process or IRPAC in general, call Kate LaBuda at 202-622-3404 (not a toll-free number).

Approved: April 22, 1999.

Kate LaBuda,

Acting Director, Office of Payer Compliance.

Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee Membership Application Questionnaire

The following questions must be answered by anyone interested in becoming a member of the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC). Applications (or facsimiles produced on a word processor) must be received at the address listed below by June 3, 1999. Those received after this date will not be considered. All applications received will be acknowledged. Questions may be directed to Kate LaBuda at 202-622-3404.

Ms. Kate LaBuda, OP:EX:ST:PC, Internal Revenue Service, Room 2013, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224

1. Name: _____
2. Title: _____
3. Employer Name: _____
4. Business Address: _____
5. Business Phone: _____
6. Fax Number: _____