

(Secretary's Standards) in a separate and distinct process. Review of these projects is more comprehensive than Section 106 review and necessitates early coordination with NPS and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) since work must adhere to the Secretary's Standards to obtain the tax credit. Nonetheless, coordination with Section 106 consultation and these reviews frequently occurs.

In an effort to better focus Section 106 reviews for affordable housing, the ACHP encourages Federal and State agencies, SHPOs, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs), local governments, housing providers, and other consulting parties to use the following principles in Section 106 consultation.

#### Implementation Principles

I. Rehabilitating historic properties to provide affordable housing is a sound historic preservation strategy.

II. Federal agencies and State and local government entities assuming HUD's environmental review requirements are responsible for ensuring compliance with Section 106.

III. Review of effects in historic districts should focus on exterior features.

IV. Consultation should consider the overall preservation goals of the community.

V. Plans and specifications should adhere to the Secretary's Standards when possible and practical.

VI. Section 106 consultation should emphasize consensus building.

VII. The ACHP encourages streamlining the Section 106 process to respond to local conditions.

VIII. The need for archeological investigations should be avoided.

*I. Rehabilitating historic properties to provide affordable housing is a sound historic preservation strategy.*

Continued investment in historic buildings through rehabilitation and repair for affordable housing purposes and stabilization of historic districts through the construction of infill housing should be recognized as contributing to the broad historic preservation goals of neighborhood revitalization and retention.

*II. Federal agencies and State and local government entities assuming HUD's environmental review requirements are responsible for ensuring compliance with Section 106.*

Federal agencies, notably USDA Rural Development and HUD, provide important funding for affordable housing. These Federal agencies, and funding recipients assuming HUD's environmental review requirements, must comply with Section 106. SHPOs, THPOs, and local historic preservation commissions provide expert opinions and advice during consultation.

Consultation should be concluded and outcomes recorded prior to the expenditure of funds.

*III. Review of effects in historic districts should focus on exterior features.* Section 106 review of effects focuses on the characteristics that qualify a property for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The significance of historic districts is typically associated with exterior features. Accordingly, unless a building is listed or considered eligible for listing in the National Register as an individual property or specific interior elements contribute to maintaining a district's character, review under Section 106 should focus on proposed changes to the exterior. In all cases, identifying the features that qualify a property for inclusion in the National Register defines the scope of Section 106 review.

*IV. Consultation should consider the overall preservation goals of the community.* When assessing, and negotiating the resolution of, the effects of affordable housing projects on historic properties, consultation should focus not simply on individual buildings but on the historic preservation goals of the broader neighborhood or community. If the affected historic property is a historic district, the agency official should assess effects on the historic district as a whole. Proposals to demolish historic properties for new replacement housing should be based on background documentation that addresses the broader context of the historic district and evaluates the economic and structural feasibility of rehabilitation that advances affordable housing.

*V. Plans and specifications should adhere to the Secretary's Standards when possible and practical.* The Secretary's Standards outline a consistent national approach to the treatment of historic properties that can be applied flexibly in a way that relates to local character and needs. Plans and specifications for rehabilitation, new construction, and abatement of hazardous conditions in affordable housing projects associated with historic properties should adhere to the recommended approaches in the Secretary's Standards when possible and practical. The ACHP recognizes that there are instances when the Secretary's Standards cannot be followed and that Section 106 allows for the negotiation of other outcomes.

*VI. Section 106 consultation should emphasize consensus building.* Section 106 review strives to build consensus with affected communities in all phases of the process. Consultation with affected communities should be on a

scale appropriate to that of the undertaking. Various stakeholders, including community members and neighborhood residents, should be included in the Section 106 review process as consulting parties so that the full range of issues can be addressed in developing a balance between historic preservation and affordable housing goals.

*VII. The ACHP encourages streamlining the Section 106 process to respond to local conditions.* The ACHP encourages participants to seek innovative and practical ways to streamline the Section 106 process that respond to unique local conditions related to the delivery of affordable housing. Programmatic Agreements often delegate the Section 106 review role of the SHPO to local governments, particularly where local preservation ordinances exist and/or where qualified preservation professionals are employed to improve the efficiency of historic preservation reviews. Such agreements may also target the Section 106 review process to local circumstances that warrant the creation of exempt categories for routine activities, the adoption of "treatment and design protocol" for rehabilitation and new infill construction, and the development of design guidelines tailored to a specific historic district and/or neighborhood.

*VIII. The need for archeological investigations should be avoided.* Archeological investigations should not be required for affordable housing projects limited to rehabilitation and requiring minimal ground disturbance.

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**Don Klima,**

*Acting Executive Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. USCBP-2006-0086]

### Notice of Meeting of The Departmental Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs and Border Protection and Related Homeland Security Functions (COAC)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Departmental Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection

and Related Homeland Security Functions (COAC) (formerly known as the "Commercial Operations Advisory Committee" or "COAC") will meet in open session.

**DATES:** Thursday, August 3, 2006, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Horizon Ballroom of the Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. If you desire to submit comments, they must be submitted by July 27, 2006.

Comments must be identified by USCBP-2006-0086 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- E-mail: [traderelations@dhs.gov](mailto:traderelations@dhs.gov). Include docket number in the subject line of the message.

- Mail: Ms. Wanda Tate, Office of Trade Relations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20229.

- Facsimile: 202-344-1969.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and the docket number 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 COAC, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Wanda Tate, Office of Trade Relations, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20229, telephone 202-344-1440; facsimile 202-344-1969.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Departmental Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and Related Homeland Security Functions (formerly known as the "Commercial Operations Advisory Committee" or "COAC")<sup>1</sup> is tasked with providing advice to the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) on matters pertaining to the commercial operations of CBP and related functions within DHS or the Department of the Treasury.

The seventh meeting of the ninth term of COAC will be held at the date, time

and location specified above. A tentative agenda for the meeting is set forth below.

The meeting is open to the public.<sup>2</sup> However, participation in COAC deliberations is limited to COAC members, Homeland Security and Treasury Department officials, and persons invited to attend the meeting for special presentations. Since seating is limited, all persons attending this meeting should provide notice, preferably by close of business Thursday, July 27, 2006, to Ms. Wanda Tate, Office of Trade Relations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20229, telephone 202-344-1440; facsimile 202-344-1969.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Ms. Wanda Tate as soon as possible.

#### Tentative Agenda

1. Introductory Remarks.
2. Transportation Security Administration—(User's Guide on Security Seals for Domestic Cargo).
3. Advance Data Requirements.
4. CBP Strategic Plan.
5. Update on (HSPD-13/NMSAC) Homeland Security Presidential Directive-13 & National Maritime Security Advisory Committee.
6. Trade Enforcement Initiatives.
7. WCO (World Customs Organization) Framework.
8. C-TPAT (Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism).

Dated: July 11, 2006.

#### W. Ralph Basham,

Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, United States Department of Homeland Security.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[USCG-2006-25280]

#### Collection of Information Under Review by Office of Management and Budget: OMB Control Numbers 1625-0052, 1625-0057, and 1625-0065

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the

U.S. Coast Guard intends to submit Information Collection Requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to request an extension of their approval of the following collections of information: (1) 1625-0052, Nondestructive Testing of Certain Cargo Tanks on Unmanned Barges; (2) 1625-0057, Small Passenger Vessels—Title 46 CFR Subchapters K and T, and the revision of collection (3) 1625-0065, Offshore Supply Vessels—Title 46 CFR Subchapter L. Before submitting these ICRs to OMB, the Coast Guard is inviting comments on them as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before September 15, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** To make sure that your comments and related material do not enter the docket [USCG-2006-25280] more than once, please submit them by only one of the following means:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) By delivery to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web Site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Copies of the complete ICRs are available through this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>, and also from Commandant (CG-611), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, room 6106 (Attn: Ms. Barbara Davis), 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The telephone number is 202-475-3523.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Barbara Davis, Office of Information Management, telephone 202-475-3523, or fax 202-475-3929, for questions on these documents; or telephone Ms. Renee V. Wright, Program Manager,

<sup>1</sup> Please note that CBP will continue to use "COAC" as the acronym for this Advisory Committee.

<sup>2</sup> Upon entry into the Ronald Reagan Building, a photo identification must be presented to the security guards.